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abase :

lower, degrade; humiliate; make humble; make (oneself) lose self-respect

♠ **abash** :

embarrass

♠ **abate** :

subside or moderate

abbreviate :

shorten

abdicate :

renounce; give up (position, right, or responsibility)

aberrant :

abnormal or deviant

aberration :

deviation from the normal; mental disorder

♠ **abet** :

assist usually in doing something wrong; encourage

♠ **abeyance** :

suspended action

abhor :

detest; hate

abject :

(of a condition) wretched; as low as possible; lacking pride; very humble; showing lack of self-respect; Ex. abject

apology

abjure :

renounce upon oath

ablution :

washing

abnegation :

renunciation; self-sacrifice; self-abnegation

abolish :

cancel; put an end to

abominate :

loathe; hate

abominable :

detestable; extremely unpleasant

aboriginal :

being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native; indigenous; N. aborigine

abortive :

unsuccessful; fruitless

abrasive :

rubbing away; tending to grind down

abridge :

condense or shorten

abrogate :

abolish

♠ **abscission** :

cutting off; separation

abscond :

depart secretly and hide

absolute :

complete; totally unlimited; having complete power; certain; not relative; Ex. absolute honesty/ruler; CF. abso-

lutism

absolve :

pardon (an offense)

abstain :

refrain; withhold from participation; intentionally not use one's vote; 기권하다

abstemious :

sparing in eating and drinking; temperate

abstinence :

restraint from pleasant things, esp. eating or drinking; CF. abstention: act of abstaining from vote

abstract :

theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational

♥ **representational** :

(of a style of art) showing things as they actually appear in real life

abstruse :

obscure; profound; difficult to understand

abusive :

coarsely insulting; physically harmful

♠ **abut** :

border upon; adjoin

abysmal :

bottomless

abyss :

enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit

academic :

related to a school; not practical or directly useful

accede :

agree

accelerate :

move faster

accessible :

easy to approach; obtainable

accessory :

additional object; useful but not essential thing

acclaim :

applaud; praise; greet with great approval; announce with great approval; Ex. The new drug has been acclaimed as the most important discoveries for years; N: strong expression of approval and praise

acclimate :

adjust to climate or environment; adapt

♠ **acclivity** :

sharp upslope of a hill; OP. declivity

accolade :

award of merit; strong praise and approval

♥ **merit** :

good quality deserving praise; merits: aspect of character or behavior deserving approval or disapproval; Ex.

judge each plan on its own merits; V: deserve; earn

♥ **demerit** :

fault; bad quality

♥ **earn** :

gain for the performance of service or labor; gain (something that one deserves); deserve

accommodate :

oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt; make enough space for; ADJ. accommodative; CF.

accommodating: helpful and obliging

accomplice :

partner in crime

accord :

agreement

accost :

approach and speak first to a person

♠ **accoutre** :

equip; N. accoutrement

accretion :

growth or increase in size by gradual addition; growth; increase; increase by natural growth; Ex. towers and other accretions of the castle; V. accrete

accrue :

come to one as a gain; accumulate over time; come about by addition; Ex. benefits that accrue from scientific research; Ex. interest accruing in a bank account; N. accrual

♠ **acerbity** :

bitterness of speech and temper; ADJ. acerbic: bitter; acrid (in taste, manner, or tone)

♡ **bitter** :

having a sharp biting taste; 쓴; causing sharp pain to the body or mind; filled with resentment, disappointment, or other unpleasant feelings; Ex. bitter wind/sorrow/tears

♡ **biting** :

sharply painful to the body or mind; Ex. biting wind/remarks

♠ **acetic** :

vinegary

♠ **acidulous** :

slightly sour (in taste or manner); sharp; caustic

acknowledge :

recognize; admit

♠ **acme** :

peak; pinnacle; highest point

acoustics :

science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in

acquiesce :

assent; agree passively; comply without protest

acquittal :

deliverance from a charge; V. acquit: free from a charge or accusation; discharge from a duty; conduct (oneself) in a specified manner

♠ **acrid** :

bitter (to the taste or smell); sharp; bitterly pungent

♠ **acrimonious** :

stinging; caustic; bitter in words or manner; N. acrimony: bitter ill-natured animosity in speech or behavior

acrophobia :

fear of heights

actuarial :

calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics

actuary :

someone who advises insurance companies

♠ **actuate** :

motivate; activate; cause to act

acuity :

sharpness (of mind or senses of sight or hearing)

acumen :

mental keenness; sharpness of judgment; ability to judge quickly and well; Ex. business acumen

acute :

(of the senses) sharp; quickly perceptive; keen; penetrating; brief and severe; Ex. acute sense of smell/analysis/pain

♠ **adage** :

wise saying; proverb

♡ **proverb** :

adage; someone or something well known for notoriety; ADJ. proverbial: of a proverb; widely known; ADV. proverbially

adamant :

hard; inflexible

adapt :

make or become suitable for a specific use; alter; modify; adjust; N. adaptation: act of adapting; composition recast into a new form; Ex. The play is an adaption of a short novel.

♠ **addendum** :

addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or book)

addiction :

compulsive habitual need

♠ **addle** :

make or become confused; muddle; drive crazy; become rotten (egg)

address :

direct a speech to; speak to; deal with or discuss; direct one's efforts or attention to; make with a destination; N: formal speech

adept :

expert at; very skilled

adhere :

stick fast; be a devoted follower; N. adhesion: adhering; devotion; loyalty

adherent :

supporter; follower

adjacent :

adjoining; neighboring; close by

♥ **adjoin** :

be next to

♥ **adjourn** :

suspend until a later time; move from one place to another

adjunct :

something attached to but holding an inferior position

adjuration :

solemn urging; V. adjure: entreat earnestly; enjoin solemnly

♠ **adjutant** :

staff officer assisting the commander; assistant

admonish :

warn or speak to with gentle disapproval; reprove

♥ **adore** :

love deeply and respect highly

adorn :

decorate

adroit :

skillful (in using mind or hand)

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adulation :

flattery; admiration that is more than is necessary or deserved

adulterate :

make impure or of poorer quality by adding inferior or tainted(contaminated) substances

advent :

arrival

adventitious :

accidental; casual; happening by chance

adversary :

opponent; enemy

adverse :

going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile

adversity :

great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event

♠ **advert** :

refer

□ **advocacy** :

support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something

□ **advocate** :

speak in favor of; support (an idea or plan); urge; plead for

♠ **aegis** :

shield; protection; defense

♠ **aerie(aery,eyrie,eyry)** :

nest of a large bird of prey

□ **aesthetic** :

artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful (of a person or building); CF. aesthete; CF. aesthetics

□ **affable** :

easily approachable; easy to talk to; warmly friendly

□ **affected** :

artificial; pretended

□ **affidavit** :

written statement made under oath (for use as proof in a court of law)

□ **affiliation** :

joining; associating with

□ **affinity** :

feeling of kinship; similarity; Ex. strong affinity for her; Ex. many affinities between two languages

□ **affirmation** :

positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath; V. affirm; ADJ. affirmative;

CF. affirmative action: positive discrimination

□ **affliction** :

state of distress; trial; cause of distress or suffering; V. afflict: inflict grievous suffering on

□ **affluence** :

abundance; wealth

□ **affront** :

insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect; V: insult or hurt the feelings of intentionally

♠ **agape** :

openmouthed

♠ **agenda** :

items of business at a meeting

♠ **agglomeration** :

collection; heap; V. agglomerate: gather into a rounded mass; N. agglomerate: jumbled mass; heap

□ **aggrandize** :

make greater; increase in power, wealth, rank, or honor; N. aggrandizement

□ **aggregate** :

sum; total; ADJ. V: gather into a mass or whole; accumulate; add up to; Ex. aggregate 100 dollars

□ **aghost** :

filled with great surprise or fear; horrified

□ **agility** :

nimbleness; ability to move quickly

□ **agitate** :

stir up; disturb

□ **agnostic** :

one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimate reality

♠ **agog** :

highly excited; intensely curious

□ **agrarian** :

pertaining to land or its cultivation; Ex. agrarian reform

alacrity :

cheerful promptness without reluctance

alchemy :

medieval chemistry

♠ **alcove** :

nook; recess

alias :

an assumed name esp. by a criminal (usually to mislead people); ADV. alias

alienate :

make unfriendly or hostile; estrange; separate; change the ownership of

alimentary :

supplying nourishment

♠ **alimony** :

payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce

alloy :

calm; pacify

allege :

state without proof

allegiance :

loyalty

♠ **allegory** :

story, play, or picture in which characters are used as symbols; fable

alleviate :

relieve (pain)

alliteration :

repetition of beginning sound in poetry

allocate :

assign; set apart for a particular purpose

♥ **earmark** :

set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose

alloy :

mixture as of metals; something added that lowers in value or purity; V: mix; make less pure; lower in value or quality; spoil; CF. unalloyed: not in mixture with other metals; pure; complete; unqualified; Ex. unalloyed happiness

allude :

refer indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference

allure :

entice; attract; tempt

♥ **siren** :

apparatus for making sounds; womanlike creature

alluvial :

pertaining to soil deposits left by running water

♠ **aloof** :

apart; not open in one's relationship with other people; reserved; ADV.

♠ **aloft** :

upward; high up in the air

altercation :

noisy quarrel

altruistic :

unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egoism

♠ **amalgamate** :

(of societies or groups) combine; unite in one body

♠ **amalgam** :

combination of different things; mixture of metals (containing mercury) used for filling holes in teeth

♠ **amass** :

collect (gradually, in a very large amount)

amazon :

female warrior

ambidextrous :

capable of using either hand with equal ease

ambience :

environment; atmosphere; Ex. restaurant with a pleasant ambience; ADJ. ambient: completely surrounding;
Ex. ambient temperature

ambiguous :

unclear or doubtful in meaning; having more than one possible interpretation

ambivalence :

the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes or opinions

amble :

walking at an easy unhurried pace; V: walk slowly and aimlessly

♠ **ambrosia** :

food of the gods

♥ **nectar** :

drink of the gods; sweet liquid collected by bees

ambulatory :

able to walk

ameliorate :

improve

amenable :

obedient; compliant; readily managed; responsive; willing to be led; answerable or accountable legally; responsible; able to be tested by; Ex. amenable to sensible suggestions; Ex. He is very amenable; Ex. amenable to the usual tests

amend :

correct; change ; generally for the better

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amenities :

convenient features that helps to make life pleasant; social courtesies

amiable :

agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly

amicable :

peaceful; politely friendly; not quarrelsome; Ex. amicable settlement

♠ **amiss** :

wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.

amity :

friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations

amnesia :

loss of memory

amnesty :

pardon (allowed by government to political criminals)

amoral :

nonmoral; having no understanding of right and wrong

amorous :

moved by sexual love; loving; of sexual love; Ex. amorous advances

amorphous :

formless; lacking shape or definition

amphibian :

able to live both on land and in water; N.

amphitheater :

oval building with tiers of seats; CF. arena

♠ **ample** :

enough; abundant; spacious; large in size; Ex. ample opportunity /garden; N. amplitude: quality of being ample; abundance; largeness of space

amplify :

increase in size or effect; expand; broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make stronger; Ex. amplify one's remarks with a graph

♠ **amputate** :

cut off part of body; prune (a limb)

♠ **amok(amuck)** :

in a state of rage; Ex. run amok

♠ **amulet** :

charm; talisman; an object worn believed to protect against evil, bad luck

anachronism :

an error involving time in a story; something or someone misplaced in time; ADJ. anachronistic

♠ **analgesic** :

causing insensitivity to pain; N.

♡ **analgesia** :

condition of being unable to feel pain

analogous :

comparable; similar

analogy :

similarity; parallelism; comparing two similar things

anarchist :

person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority

anarchy :

absence of governing body; state of disorder

♠ **anathema** :

solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse; V. anathematize

ancestry :

family descent; ADJ. ancestral

anchor :

secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N. anchorage

ancillary :

serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary; N.

anecdote :

short story of an amusing or interesting event

anemia :

condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; ADJ. anemic

anesthetic :

substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness; N. anesthesia

anguish :

acute pain; extreme suffering

angular :

sharp-cornered; having an angle; not rounded (body); bony; lean; gaunt; stiff in manner

animadversion :

critical remark; V. animadvert: comment critically with disapproval

animated :

lively; spirited

animosity :

active enmity

♠ **animus** :

hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition

annals :

records arranged in yearly parts; history

anneal :

reduce brittleness and improve toughness by heating and cooling (metal or glass)

annex :

attach; add to a large thing; take possession of; incorporate (territory) into a larger existing political unit (by force); N: building added to a large one

annihilate :

destroy

annotate :

comment; make explanatory notes

annuity :

yearly allowance

annul :

make void

♥ **elope** :

run away secretly with the intention of getting married

♠ **anodyne** :

drug that relieves pain or trouble; 진통제; opiate; ADJ. Ex. anodyne statement

anoint :

consecrate; put oil on (in a religious ceremony)

anomalous :

abnormal; irregular

anomaly :

irregularity

anonymity :

state of being nameless; anonymousness; ADJ. anonymous

antagonism :

hostility; active opposition; V. antagonize: cause to become an enemy; N. antagonist: person who is opposed to another; opponent; adversary; principal character in opposition to the protagonist

♥ **protagonist** :

leader or noticeable supporter of an idea; chief character in a play or story

antecede :

precede

antecedents :

preceding events that influence what comes later; ancestors or early background

antediluvian :

antiquated; extremely ancient

♠ **anthem** :

song of praise or patriotism; Ex. national anthem

♠ **anthology** :

book of literary selections by various authors; CF. omnibus

anthropoid :

manlike; resembling a human being; N.

anthropologist :

student of the history and science of humankind

anthropomorphic :

having human form or characteristics

anticlimax :

letdown in thought or emotion; something unexciting, ordinary, or disappointing coming after something important or exciting

antidote :

remedy to counteract a poison or disease; Ex. antidote to the economic troubles

antipathy :

aversion; dislike or opposition

♠ **antiquated** :

obsolete; old-fashioned; outdated

♡ **antique** :

made in an earlier period and usu. valuable; N: object that was made in an earlier period and that is rare or valuable

♡ **antiquity** :

quality of being very old; ancient times; 고대

□ **antiseptic** :

substance that prevents infection in a wound; ADJ.

□ **antithesis** :

contrast; direct opposite of or to; ADJ. antithetic or antithetical

♡ **antler** :

bony growth on the head of a deer

♠ **anvil** :

iron block used in hammering out metals

□ **apathy** :

lack of caring; indifference; lack of concern or interest in important matters; Ex. He was sunk in apathy after his failure; ADJ. apathetic

♠ **ape** :

imitate or mimic (a person's behavior or manner)

♠ **aperture** :

opening; hole; adjustable opening in a camera that limits the amount of light

♠ **apex** :

tip; summit; climax; highest point

□ **aphasia** :

loss of speech due to injury or illness

□ **aphorism** :

pithy maxim or saying; ADJ. aphoristic

♠ **apiary** :

a place where bees are kept

♡ **hive** :

box for bees; V: cause to go in a hive

♡ **apiculture** :

bee-keeping

♡ **apiarist** :

person who keeps bees

♠ **aplomb** :

poise; composure in difficult situations; assurance; self-confidence

♡ **poise** :

good judgment with composure; balance; V: place in a carefully balanced position

□ **apocalyptic** :

prophetic; pertaining to revelations especially of disaster; N. apocalypse

♠ **apocryphal** :

(of a story) widely believed but untrue

□ **apogee** :

highest point; the point farthest from the earth; OP: perigee

♠ **apolitical** :

having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs

♠ **apologist** :

one who writes in defense of a cause or institution; N. apologia

♠ **apoplexy** :

stroke; loss of consciousness caused by too much blood in the brain

♠ **apostate** :

one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs; N. apostasy

♠ **apothecary** :

druggist; pharmacist

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♠ **apothegm(apophthegm)** :

pithy, compact saying

♠ **apotheosis** :

elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something

□ **appall** :

dismay; shock deeply

□ **apparition** :

ghost; phantom

□ **appease** :

pacify or soothe; Ex. appease a crying baby; N. appeasement

♠ **appellation** :

name; title

□ **append** :

attach

♠ **application** :

diligent attention; diligence; V. apply oneself

□ **apposite** :

appropriate; fitting

□ **appraise** :

estimate value of; N. appraisal

□ **appreciate** :

be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of; ADJ. appreciable: enough to be felt; Ex. appreciable difference

□ **apprehend** :

arrest (a criminal); dread; perceive; N. apprehension

♠ **apprehensive** :

fearful; discerning

□ **apprise** :

inform

□ **approbation** :

approval

□ **appropriate** :

acquire; take possession of for one's own use without permission; set aside for a particular purpose; allocate;

CF. misappropriate

♠ **appurtenances** :

subordinate possessions; something added to a more important thing

♠ **apropos** :

with reference to; regarding; Ex. remarks apropos (of) the present situation; ADJ. ADV.

□ **aptitude** :

fitness; talent

♠ **aquiline** :

curved; hooked; of or like an eagle; Ex. aquiline nose

♠ **arable** :

fit for growing crops; Ex. arable land

□ **arbiter** :

person with power to decide a matter in dispute; judge who is in a position to make influential judgments; Ex. supreme arbiter of fashion in beachware

□ **arbitrary** :

unreasonable or capricious; random; tyrannical; Ex. arbitrary ruler

□ **arbitrate** :

act as judge (at the request of both sides)

♠ **arboretum** :

place where different trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited

♡ **arboreal** :

of or living in trees

□ **arcade** :

a covered passageway usually lined with shops

□ **arcane** :

esoteric; secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated; Ex. arcane ritual; Ex. arcane process closed to the uninitiated listener

□ **archaeology** :

study of artifacts and relics of early mankind

♠ **archaic** :

antiquated; no longer used; belonging to the past; N.

♠ **archetype** :

prototype; primitive pattern

□ **arch-** :

chief; first; Ex. archbishop

♠ **archipelago** :

group of closely located islands

♠ **archives** :

public records; place where public records are kept

□ **ardor** :

heat; passion; zeal; ADJ. ardent

♠ **arduous** :

hard; strenuous; Ex. arduous work

♠ **argot** :

slang; speech spoken by only a small group of people

□ **aria** :

operatic solo; a song sung by one person in an opera or oratorio

♠ **arid** :

(of land) dry; barren; unproductive

□ **aristocracy** :

hereditary nobility; privileged class; government by nobility; N. aristocrat

□ **armada** :

fleet of warships

□ **aromatic** :

fragrant; having a sweet smell; N. aroma: strong pleasant smell

□ **arraign** :

charge in court; indict

♠ **array** :

marshal; draw up in order; arrange in order; clothe splendidly; adorn; N: fine clothes; ordered group; Ex. in battle array

□ **arrears** :

being in debt; money that should have been paid; work that should have been done

♠ **arrhythmic** :

lacking rhythm or regularity; N. arrhythmia

□ **arrogance** :

pride; haughtiness; ADJ. arrogant: unpleasantly self-important (with a strong confidence in one's own importance and a lack of respect for other people)

♠ **arroyo** :

gully; narrow channel formed by rainwater

♡ **artery** :

blood-vessel; CF. vein

□ **articulate** :

effective; distinct; expressing ideas clearly; having clear sounds; having joints; Ex. articulate speech; V. express thoughts and feeling clearly; pronounce clearly; unite by joints

arsenal :

storage place for military equipment

artifacts :

object made by human beings, either hand-made or mass-produced

♠ **artifice** :

deception; trickery

artisan :

a manually skilled worker

♠ **artless** :

without guile; open and honest

ascendancy :

controlling influence; position of controlling influence; CF. in the ascendant

ascertain :

find out for certain; make certain

ascetic :

practicing self-denial; avoiding physical pleasures and comforts; austere; Ex. ascetic life of Buddhist monks; N. asceticism

ascribe :

refer; attribute; assign

aseptic :

preventing infection; having a cleansing effect

♠ **ashen** :

ash-colored; deadly pale

♠ **asinine** :

stupid; Ex. asinine remarks

♠ **askance** :

with a sideways or indirect look (with disapproval or distrust); Ex. look askance at

♠ **askew** :

crookedly; slanted; at an angle

asperity :

sharpness; roughness; severity (of temper or weather); Ex. asperities of a Russian winter

aspersion :

slandering remark; Ex. cast aspersions on

aspirant :

seeker after position or status

aspire :

seek to attain (position or status); long for; Ex. aspire to become president; Ex. aspire to/after the leadership

assail :

assault

♠ **assay** :

analyze (to discover what materials are present); evaluate (soil or ore)

assent :

agree; accept; N. assessment

♠ **assert** :

state strongly or positively; demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.); make a claim to (by forceful action); Ex. assert one's independence

assiduous :

diligent

assimilate :

absorb; take (food) into the body and digest it; understand (knowledge) completely and be able to use properly; cause to become homogeneous (the people of a country or race in the way of behaving or thinking)

assuage :

make less severe; ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)

assumption :

something taken for granted; the taking over or taking possession of; Ex. her assumption of power; V. assume

♥ **regent** :

a person who governs in place of a ruler who is ill, absent, or still a child; ADJ. Ex. the Prince regent

□ **assurance** :

firm statement that something is certainly true; promise or pledge; certainty; confidence in one's own ability; self-confidence; Ex. In spite of all his assurances, he did not come back; Ex. assurance of his loyalty; Ex. The teacher lacked assurance in front of his class; V. assure; tell firmly with confidence; ensure; make (something) certain to happen; make (someone) feel sure; give confidence to; ADJ. assured: self-assured; confident in one's own ability; showing certainty

□ **asteroid** :

small planet

♠ **astigmatism** :

eye defect which prevents proper focus; OP. stigmatism

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♠ **astral** :

relating to the stars

□ **astrigent** :

binding; causing contraction (stopping bleeding); harsh or severe; stringent; Ex. astrigent criticism

□ **astronomical** :

enormously large or extensive

□ **astute** :

wise; shrewd; keen; seeing quickly something that is to one's advantage

♠ **asunder** :

into parts; apart; V. sunder

□ **asylum** :

place of refuge or shelter; protection (religious or political)

□ **asymmetric** :

not identical on both sides of a dividing central line

♠ **atavism** :

resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; reversion to an earlier type; throwback; ADJ. atavistic

□ **atheistic** :

denying the existence of God; N. atheism

□ **atone** :

make amends for; pay for; Ex. atone for

□ **atrocious** :

brutal deed; ADJ. atrocious

□ **atrophy** :

wasting away; V. weaken and lose flesh and muscle (through lack of blood or lack of use)

□ **attentive** :

alert and watchful; listening carefully; paying attention; considerate; thoughtful; politely helpful; Ex. attentive audience; Ex. He was attentive to the old lady; N. attentions: act of courtesy and consideration

□ **attenuate** :

make thin; weaken

□ **attest** :

testify; bear witness

□ **attribute** :

essential quality; V. ascribe; explain

□ **attrition** :

rubbing away by friction; gradual decrease in numbers or strength; reduction in the work force without firing employees; wearing away of opposition by means of harassment; Ex. a war of attrition

♠ **atypical** :

not normal; not typical

□ **audacious** :

daring; bold; N. audacity

□ **audit** :

examination of accounts of a business; official examination; V.

□ **augment** :

increase; add to

♠ **augury** :

omen; prophecy; sign of coming events; V. augur: predict; foretell; be a sign of (something in future)

august :

impressive; majestic

♠ **aureole** :

sun's corona; halo; bright circle of light

♠ **auroral** :

pertaining to the aurora borealis; CF. aurora australis

auspicious :

favoring success; giving signs of future success; Cf. auspices

austere :

forbiddingly stern; ascetic; without comfort or enjoyment; severely simple and unornamented; Ex. a monk's austere life; Ex. austere grandeur of the cathedral; N. austerity

authenticate :

prove genuine

authoritarian :

subordinating the individual to the state; completely dominating another's will; Ex. authoritarian regime/father

authoritative :

having the weight of authority; regarded as providing knowledge that can be trusted; reliable; peremptory and dictatorial; Ex. authoritative dictionary/manner; CF. definitive

autocratic :

having absolute unchecked power; dictatorial; N. autocrat, autocracy

automaton :

mechanism that imitates actions of humans; machine that works by itself

autonomous :

self-governing; N. autonomy

autopsy :

examination of a dead body; postmortem; V.

auxiliary :

offering or providing help; additional or subsidiary; N: helper; assistant

avalanche :

great mass of falling snow and ice

avarice :

greediness for wealth

avenge :

take vengeance for something or on behalf of someone; Ex. They avenged his death by burning the village; Ex.

He swore to avenge his brother; Ex. They avenged themselves on their enemy.

aver :

state confidently; declare as true

averse :

reluctant; disinclined; not liking or opposed; Ex. averse to cats/doing the house work

aversion :

firm dislike

avert :

prevent; avoid; turn away (eyes or thought); Ex. An accident was averted by his quick thinking; Ex. She averted

her eyes from the terrible sight.

aviary :

enclosure for birds; large cage

♠ **avid** :

greedy; extremely eager for; Ex. avid learner; N. avidity

avocation :

secondary or minor occupation

avow :

declare openly; N. avowal

avuncular :

of or like an uncle

awe :

solemn wonder; feeling of respect mixed with wonder and fear; V. fill with awe; ADJ. awesome

♥ **awful** :

terrible; very bad

♠ **awl** :

pointed tool used for piercing

♠ **awry** :

distorted; crooked; bent; Ex. Our plans have gone awry.

axiom :

self-evident truth requiring no proof

♠ **azure** :

sky blue

♠ **babble** :

chatter idly or foolishly; make continuous sounds like water running gently over rounded stone; N.

♠ **bacchanalian** :

drunken

♥ **bacchanal** :

noisy party with a lot of drinking

♥ **Bacchanalia** :

the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus

♠ **badger** :

pester; annoy continually with demands; persuade by asking again and again; Ex. The children badgered me into taking them into the cinema; N: a kind of mountain animal

♠ **badinage** :

teasing conversation; banter; joking talk

baffle :

frustrate; perplex

♠ **bait** :

harass; tease; torment; Ex. badger baiting; N: food or other lure used to catch fish or trap animals

♠ **baleful** :

evil; malignant in intent or effect; deadly; having a malign influence; portending evil; ominous; threatening; Ex.

baleful look

♠ **balk** :

stop short, as if faced with an obstacle, and refuse to continue; foil; stop or get in the way of; frustrate

♠ **ballast** :

heavy substance used to add stability or weight; V. supply with ballast

♠ **balm** :

something that relieves pain; oily liquid with a pleasant smell from trees

♥ **pang** :

sudden sharp feeling of pain

♠ **balmy** :

soft and mild (of air); fragrant

banal :

hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality; clichéd

♠ **bandy** :

discuss lightly or glibly; discuss in a frivolous manner; exchange (words) heatedly; quarrel; Ex. bandy words

with

bane :

poison; cause of ruin; ADJ. baneful: harmful; poisonous

bantering :

joking talk; good-naturedly ridiculing; N.V. banter

barb :

sharp projection from fishhook, arrow, or other object; openly cutting remark

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♠ **bard** :

poet

♠ **barefaced** :

shameless and noticeable; blatant; bold; unconcealed; having no covering on the face; Ex. barefaced lie

♡ **unregenerate** :

making no attempt to change one's bad practices

♠ **baroque** :

highly ornate

□ **barrage** :

barrier laid down by artillery fire; overwhelming profusion; large number of questions or statements; Ex. a barrage of criticism

□ **barrister** :

counselor-at-law or lawyer in the higher court of law; CF. bar

♡ **solicitor** :

lawyer in the lower court of law

□ **barterer** :

trader; V. barter: trade; exchange good for other goods rather than money

♠ **bask** :

luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth

♡ **luxuriate** :

take pleasure in great comfort

♠ **bastion** :

stronghold; something seen as a source of protection; Ex. the last bastion of male chauvinism

♠ **bate** :

let down; lessen the force of; moderate; restrain; Ex. with bated breath; CF. abate

♠ **bauble** :

trinket; cheap jewel; trifle

♠ **bawdy** :

indecent; obscene; about sex in a rude funny way; CF. bawd

♠ **beatific** :

giving or showing bliss; blissful

♡ **bliss** :

complete happiness; ADJ. blissful

♠ **beatitude** :

blessedness; state of great happiness

♡ **mystic** :

of hidden meaning and spiritual power; Ex. mystic ceremonies; N. CF. mysticism

♠ **bedizen** :

dress with vulgar finery

♡ **finery** :

beautiful clothes for a special occasion

♠ **bedraggle** :

wet thoroughly; ADJ. bedraggled: dragged

♠ **beeline** :

direct quick route

♠ **befuddle** :

confuse thoroughly

♡ **fuddle** :

make stupid or confused as with alcoholic drink; N. in a fuddle: confused

□ **beget** :

father; become the father of; produce; give rise to

♠ **begrudge** :

envy; give or allow unwillingly; grudge; Ex. We shouldn't begrudge him his success.

♥ **grudge** :

deep feeling of dislike; Ex. grudge fight; V.

♠ **beguile** :

deceive; mislead or delude; cheat; pass time pleasantly; charm or attract; Ex. beguiling smile

♠ **behemoth** :

huge creature; something of monstrous size or power

♠ **beholden** :

obligated; indebted; owing thanks; obliged or indebted from gratitude

♠ **behoove(behove)** :

be suited to; be incumbent upon; be right and necessary; Ex. It behooves one to do.

♠ **belabor** :

harp on; dwell on tediously; explain or go over excessively or to a ridiculous degree; assail verbally; beat severely; attack physically

♠ **belated** :

delayed

♠ **beleaguer** :

besiege or attack (with an army); harass; beset

♠ **belie** :

contradict; give a false impression; disguise; Ex. The poor sales belied our high hopes; Ex. Her smile belies her true feeling of displeasure.

□ **belittle** :

disparage; depreciate

□ **bellicose** :

warlike

□ **belligerent** :

quarrelsome

♠ **bemoan** :

lament; moan for; express sorrow or disapproval of

♠ **bemused** :

confused; lost in thought; preoccupied

□ **benediction** :

blissing

□ **benefactor** :

gift giver; patron; person who does good or who gives money for a good purpose

□ **beneficent** :

kindly; doing good

□ **beneficial** :

helpful; useful; advantageous

□ **beneficiary** :

person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will

♠ **benefit** :

advantage; anything that brings help, advantage, or profit; money provided by the government to the people; fund-raising public entertainment; Ex. unemployment benefit; V. receive benefits; be beneficial to; give benefits

□ **benevolent** :

generous; charitable; having a wish to do good

□ **benign** :

kindly; favorable; not malignant (disease); Ex. benign tumor

□ **benison** :

blissing

□ **bent** :

determined; Ex. bent on advancing in the business; N: natural talent or inclination

□ **bequeath** :

leave to someone by means of a will; hand down in his will; N. bequest

♠ **berate** :

scold strongly

♠ **bereavement** :

state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved; state of being bereaved or bereft

♠ **bereaved** :

deprived of (someone beloved through death)

♠ **bereft** :

deprived of (something valuable); lacking

♠ **berserk** :

mad with violent anger; frenzied; madly excited

□ **besech** :

beg; plead with

♠ **beset** :

harass or trouble from all directions; hem in

♥ **hem** :

surround tightly so that movement is impossible; Ex. hem in; N.

□ **besiege** :

surround with armed forces; harass (with requests); annoy continually

♠ **besmirch** :

soil; defile; make dirty

♠ **bestial** :

beastlike; brutal; inhuman; very cruel

□ **bestow** :

confer

♠ **betoken** :

signify; indicate; be a sign of

♥ **token** :

outward sign; Ex. a token of our gratitude

♠ **betray** :

be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly); Ex. Her trembling hands betray her anxiety.

♠ **betroth** :

become engaged to marry

♠ **bevy** :

large group; Ex. a bevy of starlets

□ **bicameral** :

two-chambered as a legislative body

□ **bicker** :

quarrel

□ **biennial** :

every two years

♠ **bifurcated** :

divided into two branches; forked

♠ **bigotry** :

stubborn intolerance

♥ **bigot** :

one who is intolerant (in matters of religion or politics)

♥ **intolerant** :

not willing to accept ways of thinking different from one's own; CF. tolerant; CF. tolerate

♠ **bilious** :

suffering from indigestion; sick from having too much bile; irritable; easily irritated

♠ **bilk** :

swindle; cheat

♠ **billowing** :

swelling out in waves; surging

♥ **billow** :

large wave of water; a great swell or surge (of smoke); V: surge, swell, roll in billows

♥ **swell** :

long wave of water that moves continuously without breaking; V.

♥ **surge** :

powerful movement of or like a wave; V.

♠ **bivouac** :

temporary encampment; camp without tents; V.

□ **bizarre** :

fantastic; violently contrasting; noticeably odd; strikingly unconventional

♠ **blanch** :

bleach; whiten; make white or pale

♠ **bland** :

soothing or mild (food); agreeable; causing no trouble or offence

♠ **blandishment** :

flattery

♠ **blare** :

loud or harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light

♥ **screech** :

unpleasant high sharp sound; shriek; V.

♥ **dazzle** :

make blind with a sudden intense light; amaze; fill with wonder

♠ **blasé** :

bored with pleasure or dissipation; uninterested or bored

♠ **blasphemy** :

irreverence; sacrilege; cursing; bad language about God or holy things; V. blasphem; ADJ. blasphemous; CF.

sacrilege

♠ **blatant** :

extremely (offensively) obvious; loudly offensive; Ex. blatant lie; N. blatancy

♠ **bleak** :

cold or cheerless; frigid; unlikely to be favorable; depressing

♠ **blighted** :

suffering from a disease; destroyed

♥ **blight** :

plant disease; V: infect with blight; ruin; destroy

♠ **blithe(blithesome)** :

gay; joyous

♠ **bloated** :

(unpleasantly) swollen or puffed as with water or air

♠ **blowhard** :

talkative boaster; braggart

♠ **bludgeon** :

club; heavy-headed weapon; V.

♠ **bluff** :

pretense (of strength); deception; high cliff; ADJ: rough but good-natured

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□ **blunder** :

error; stupid mistake

♠ **blurt** :

utter impulsively from nervousness or excitement

♠ **bluster** :

blow in heavy gusts; threaten emptyily; bully; speak in a noisy or bullying manner; CF. breeze, gust, gale

♥ **bully** :

one who is habitually cruel to weaker people; V.

□ **bode** :

foreshadow; portend

□ **bogus** :

counterfeit; not authentic; intentionally false; Ex. bogus interview

♠ **bohemian** :

unconventional (in an artistic way)

□ **boisterous** :

violent; rough; noisy

♠ **bolster** :

support; reinforce

♠ **bolt** :

door bar; fastening pin or screw; length of fabric; large roll of cloth; V: dash or dart off; fasten (a door); gobble down

♥ **dart** :

move or throw suddenly and quickly

♥ **gobble** :

eat very quickly

♠ **bombardment** :

attack (as with missiles or bombs); V. bombard

♠ **bombastic** :

pompous; using inflated language

♥ **bombast** :

grandiloquent, pompous speech

♠ **boon** :

blessing; benefit; something very helpful

♠ **boorish** :

rude; insensitive

♥ **boor** :

rude, insensitive person

♠ **bouillon** :

clear beef (or meat) soup

♠ **bountiful** :

generous; graciously generous; showing bounty

♥ **gracious** :

kind in a generous way (to someone less important)

□ **bourgeois** :

middle class; selfishly materialistic; too interested in material possessions

□ **bovine** :

cowlike; placid and dull; slow-thinking; calm

♠ **bowdlerize** :

expurgate; CF. Thomas Bowdler

♠ **brackish** :

somewhat saline

♠ **braggadocio** :

boasting

♥ **brag** :

boast

♠ **braggart** :

boaster; bragger

♠ **brandish** :

wave around (a weapon); flourish

♠ **bravado** :

swagger; assumed air of defiance; false show of bravery

♡ **swagger** :

walk or behave with an over-confident manner

♠ **brawn** :

human muscle; muscular strength; sturdiness

♡ **brawny** :

muscular; having well-developed muscles

♡ **sturdy** :

strong and firm (in the body)

♠ **brazen** :

insolent; without shame; bold; Ex. brazen lie; V: face with bold self-assurance or with unshamed confidence

♡ **brawl** :

noisy quarrel

♠ **breach** :

breaking of contract or duty; fissure or gap; opening; V.

□ **breadth** :

width; extent

□ **brevity** :

conciseness; shortness of duration

♠ **brindled** :

tawny or grayish with streaks or spots (of animals)

♡ **tawny** :

brownish yellow

♠ **bristling** :

rising like bristles; showing irritation

♡ **bristle** :

short stiff hair; V: (hair or fur) stand up stiffly

♠ **brittle** :

hard but easily broken; difficult; unstable; Ex. brittle situation

♠ **broach** :

introduce as a subject; moot; open up

♠ **brocade** :

rich, figured (patterned) fabric

□ **brochure** :

pamphlet

♠ **brooch** :

ornamental clasp; pin

♡ **clasp** :

hold firmly within arms

♠ **brook** :

tolerate; endure; Ex. brook no interference; N: small stream

♠ **browbeat** :

bully; intimidate

♠ **browse** :

graze; feed on growing grass; skim or glance at casually

♡ **graze** :

(of an animal) feed on growing grass; cause (an animal) to feed on grass; scrape (esp. the skin) or touch lightly in passing; brush; Ex. We can't graze the cattle till summer; N: surface wound

♡ **skim** :

read or glance through quickly; touch lightly in passing; brush; remove from the surface of a liquid

♠ **brunt** :

main impact or shock (of an attack or blow); Ex. brunt of the argument

♠ **brusque** :

mismanage; blow

□ **buoyant** :

blunt; abrupt; curt; not wanting to waste time being nice

♠ **buccaneer** :

able to float; cheerful and optimistic; N. buoyancy; Ex. buoyancy of wood/water/American market

□ **bureaucracy** :

pirate

♠ **bucolic** :

overregulated administrative system marked by red tape; ADJ. bureaucratic

♠ **burgeon** :

rustic; pastoral

♠ **buffet** :

grow rapidly; grow forth; send out buds; Ex. burgeoning computer industry; CF. bludgeon

♠ **burlesque** :

strike forcefully; slap; batter; knock out; N. table with food set out for people to serve themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that's been set

♡ **slap** :

give an imitation that ridicules; imitate mockingly

♠ **burnish** :

hit quickly with the flat part of the hand; N. CF. smack

♠ **buffoonery** :

make shiny by rubbing; polish

♠ **buttress** :

clowning

♡ **buffoon** :

support; prop up; N. stationary structure to support wall; Ex. flying buttress

♡ **prop** :

stupid person; clown

♡ **clown** :

support placed under or against something; V.

♠ **buxom** :

act stupidly; play the fool; N.

♠ **bugaboo** :

full-bosomed; plump; jolly

♡ **plump** :

bugbear; object of baseless terror

♠ **bullion** :

pleasantly fat; nicely rounded

♠ **cabal** :

gold and silver in the form of bars

♠ **bulwark** :

small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests

□ **cache** :

strong wall built for defense; earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends

♠ **bungle** :

hiding place; V.

□ **cacophonous** :

mismanage; blunder; botch; blow; spoil by clumsy behavior

♡ **botch** :

discordant; inharmonious; N. cacophony; unpleasant mixture of loud sounds

□ **cadaver** :

corpse; dead human body

cadaverous :

heat-producing; N. calorie

calumny :

like a corpse; pale

♠ **cadence** :

malicious misrepresentation; slander

♠ **camaraderie** :

rhythmic rise and fall (of words or sounds); beat; regular beat of sound; rhythm

♠ **cajole** :

good-fellowship; CF. comrade

♠ **cameo** :

persuade by praise or false promise; coax; wheedle

♡ **coax** :

shell or jewel carved in relief; star's special appearance in a minor role in a film

♠ **canard** :

persuade by flattery

calamity :

unfounded false rumor; exaggerated false report

♠ **candor** :

disaster; misery

calculated :

frankness; open honesty; ADJ. candid

♠ **canine** :

deliberately planned; likely

♠ **caldron(cauldron)** :

related to dogs; doglike

♠ **canker** :

large kettle

♠ **caliber** :

any ulcerous sore; ulcer; any evil; CF. cancer

♡ **ulcer** :

ability; quality; diameter of the inside of a round cylinder; Ex. work of very high caliber

calligraphy :

sore place appearing on the skin inside or outside the body; Ex. stomach ulcer; ADJ. ulcerous; V. ulcerate

♠ **canny** :

beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

♠ **callous** :

shrewd in money matters; thrifty

♠ **cant** :

hardened; unfeeling; without sympathy for the sufferings of others; unkind

♡ **callus** :

insincere speech or expression of piety; jargon of thieves; special words used by a particular group of people

cantankerous :

area of thick hard skin

♠ **callow** :

ill-humored; irritable

♠ **cantata** :

youthful; immature; inexperienced

♠ **calorific** :

story set to music to be sung by a chorus (shorter than an oratorio)

♠ **canter** :

slow gallop; V. CF. trot

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♠ **canto** :

division of a long poem

♠ **canvass** :

determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through (a region) to solicit votes or orders; conduct a survey; N.

capacious :

spacious

♠ **capacity** :

mental or physical ability; role; position or duty; ability to accommodate; Ex. in my capacity as president

♠ **capillary** :

having a very fine bore; resembling a hair; fine and slender; Ex. capillary attraction; N: very fine hairlike tube;

CF. capillarity

♠ **capitulate** :

surrender; give up all resistance

caprice :

whim; sudden change of mind without any real cause

capricious :

unpredictable; fickle

caption :

title; chapter heading; text under illustration

♠ **captious** :

faultfinding; too critical

♠ **carafe** :

glass water bottle; decanter

♠ **carapace** :

shell covering the back (of a turtle, tortoise, crab, etc.)

♠ **carat(karat)** :

unit of weight for precious stones; measure of the purity of gold

♠ **carcinogenic** :

causing cancer; N. carcinogen

♠ **cardinal** :

chief; most important; N: priest; cardinal number: number that shows quantity rather than order

cardiologist :

doctor specializing in ailments of the heart

♠ **careen** :

lurch; sway from side to side; move with irregular swinging movement; stagger

♡ **career** :

rush wildly; go at full speed

♡ **sway** :

swing from side to side; influence (someone) to change one's opinion; N.

caricature :

distortion; burlesque

carillon :

a set of bells (often in a tower) capable of being played

carnage :

destruction of life; slaughter; killing of large numbers of people or animals

carnal :

fleshly; sensual; concerning the desires of the body

carnivorous :

meat-eating; N. carnivore; CF. herbivore

♠ **carousal** :

drunken revel; V. carouse

♠ **carping** :

petty criticism; fault-finding; fretful complaining; quibble

♠ **carrion** :

rotting flesh of a dead body; CF. vulture

♠ **cartographer** :

map-maker

□ **cascade** :

small waterfall

♠ **caste** :

one of the hereditary classes in Hindu society; social stratification; prestige

□ **castigation** :

punishment; severe criticism or disapproval

□ **casualty** :

serious or fatal accident; person killed or wounded in an accident or battle

♡ **casual** :

happening by chance; irregular; occasional; informal; showing or feeling little interest; Ex. casual reader/labor/remark

♠ **cataclysm** :

deluge; upheaval; earthquake; violent and sudden event or change

♠ **catalyst** :

agent which brings about a chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged; CF. catalysis

□ **catapult** :

slingshot; hurling machine; V. fire from catapult

♡ **hurl** :

throw forcefully; shout out violently

♠ **cataract** :

great waterfall; eye abnormality (causing a gradual loss of eyesight)

□ **catastrophe** :

calamity ; disaster

♠ **catcall** :

shout of disapproval or displeasure (made at the theater or a sports match); boo; V.

♠ **catechism** :

book for religious instruction in question-and-answer form; religious instruction by question and answer; V. catechize

□ **categorical** :

without exceptions; made without any doubt in mind; unqualified; absolute

♡ **qualify** :

reach a necessary standard; limit the meaning of something stated

□ **catharsis** :

purging or cleansing of any passage of the body; purging and weakening of strong emotions as a result of experiencing a dramatic work of art

□ **cathartic** :

purgative; medicine that causes the bowels to empty; ADJ.

♠ **catholic** :

(of likings and interests) universal; general; broad; including many different parts; wide-ranging liberal; Ex. catholic opinions/tastes

♠ **caucus** :

private meeting of a group of people in a political party to select officers or determine policy; CF. the Caucus club of Boston

♠ **caulk(alk)** :

make watertight (by blocking up cracks as in a ship)

□ **causal** :

implying a cause-and-effect relationship; N. causality

□ **caustic** :

burning; corrosive; able to burn by chemical action; sarcastically biting; (of remarks) intended to hurt; bitter;

harmful; OP: harmless

♠ **cauterize** :

burn (a wound or snakebite, etc.) with hot iron or caustic substance to stop bleeding and prevent infection

♠ **cavalcade** :

procession of riders or horse-drawn carriages; parade; CF. cavalry

♠ **cavalier** :

casual and offhand; arrogant; N: knight

♠ **cavil** :

quibble; make frivolous objections; find fault unnecessarily

♠ **cede** :

yield (title or territory) to (esp. after losing a war); surrender formally; N. cession

□ **celerity** :

speed; rapidity

□ **celestial** :

heavenly

♥ **hereafter** :

life after death

♥ **afterlife** :

life after death; later part of one's life

♠ **celibate** :

abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried; N. celibacy

□ **ensor** :

(in ancient Rome) overseer of morals (also taking the census); person who eliminates inappropriate matter; V.

♠ **ensorious** :

severely critical

□ **ensure** :

blame; criticize; express strong disapproval; N: severe criticism; strong disapproval

□ **centaur** :

mythical figure, half man and half horse

□ **centigrade** :

denoting a widely used temperature scale (basically same as Celsius)

□ **centrifugal** :

radiating; departing from the center

□ **centrifuge** :

machine that separates substances by whirling them

□ **centripetal** :

tending toward the center

□ **centurion** :

Roman army officer (commanding a company of about 100 soldiers)

□ **cerebral** :

pertaining to the brain or intellect; intellectual rather than emotional; CF. cerebrum

□ **cerebration** :

thought; working of the brain

♠ **ceremonious** :

marked by formality; extremely formal and polite; CF. ceremony: conventional social courtesy

♥ **unceremonious** :

not done politely without due formalities

♠ **certitude** :

certainty

□ **cessation** :

stoppage

♠ **cession** :

yielding to another; ceding

♠ **chafe** :

warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; N.

♠ **chaff** :

worthless products of an endeavor; husk(outer seed cover) separated from grain; Ex. separate the wheat from the chaff

♠ **chaffing** :

bantering; joking

♠ **chagrin** :

annoyance and disappointment; vexation (caused by humiliation or injured pride)

♠ **chalice** :

goblet; consecrated cup

□ **chameleon** :

lizard that changes color in different situations

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□ **champion** :

support militantly; fight for; N: person who fights for or supports strongly (a principle, movement, person, etc.)

♥ **championship** :

position of champion; defense or support; competition held to determine a champion

□ **chaotic** :

in utter disorder

□ **charisma** :

divine gift; great popular charm or appeal; magnetism

♠ **charlatan** :

quack; pretender to knowledge (esp. in medicine)

♠ **chary** :

cautious; unwilling to take risks; sparing or restrained about giving; OP: bold

♠ **chase** :

ornament a metal surface by indenting; follow rapidly to catch

□ **chasm** :

abyss; very deep crack

♠ **chassis** :

framework and working parts of an automobile; framework to which components are attached

□ **chaste** :

morally pure; virginal; abstaining from illicit sexual acts; modest; simple (of a style of writing); not highly decorated; austere

♠ **chasten** :

discipline; punish in order to correct; CF: castigate

♠ **chastise** :

punish as by beating; criticize severely

□ **chauvinist** :

blindly devoted patriot; zealous adherent of a group, cause, or sex; ADJ. chauvinistic; CF. chauvinism; Nicolas Chauvin

□ **check** :

stop motion; curb or restrain

♠ **checkered(chequered)** :

marked by great changes in fortune; with many changes of fortune; CF. checked: having a pattern of squares

♠ **cherubic** :

angelic; innocent-looking; N. cherub; CF. seraph: winged angel of the highest order

♠ **chicanery** :

trickery; deception

♠ **chide** :

scold; rebuke (someone who has done wrong)

♠ **chimerical** :

fantastically improbable; highly unrealistic; N. chimera: unreal fancy; fire-breathing female creature

♠ **chisel** :

swindle or cheat; N: wedgelike tool for cutting

♥ **chip** :

lose a small piece from the surface or edge; N: small piece broken off something; CF. French fry; Potato chip/crisp

□ **chivalrous** :

courteous; faithful; brave; N. chivalry

♠ **choleric** :

hot-tempered; bad-tempered; irritable; easily angered; CF. cholera

♠ **choreography** :

art of representing dances in written symbols; arrangement of dances

♥ **chore** :

daily domestic task (such as cleaning, cooking, and shopping); unpleasant task

♠ **chortle** :

chuckle with delight; N.

♥ **chuckle** :

laugh quietly

□ **chronic** :

long established as a disease

□ **chronicle** :

report; record (in chronological order)

♠ **churlish** :

boorish; rude; N. churl: boor; yahoo

♠ **ciliated** :

having minute hairs; CF. cilium; CF. cilia: eyelash

□ **cipher** :

nonentity; worthless person or thing; zero; secret code; V.

□ **circlet** :

small ring; band of gold, silver, jewel, etc. (worn on the head, arms, or neck as decoration)

□ **circuitous** :

roundabout

♥ **circuit** :

closed circular line around an area; circumference; regularly repeated journey from place to place

□ **circumlocution** :

indirect or roundabout expression (by using an unnecessarily large number of words esp. when trying to avoid answering a difficult question directly)

□ **circumscribe** :

limit; confine; draw a line around

♠ **circumspect** :

prudent; cautious; acting after careful thought

□ **circumvent** :

outwit; defeat by behaving more cleverly; outsmart; baffle; avoid; get around

♠ **cistern** :

reservoir or water tank

□ **citadel** :

fortress

□ **cite** :

quote; commend; Ex. cited for bravery in an official record

□ **civil** :

having to do with citizens; not military or religious; courteous and polite; Ex. married in a civil ceremony; Ex. civil strife/disorder/law; N. civility; CF. civic

□ **clairvoyant** :

having foresight; fortuneteller; N. clairvoyance

♥ **hindsight** :

understanding the nature of an event after it has actually happened

♠ **clamber** :

climb by crawling with difficulties; scramble

□ **clamor** :

loud continuous noise; continuous demand or complaint made by a large number of people; V: make a clamor; express (a demand) continually and loudly; ADJ. clamorous

□ **clandestine** :

secret

♡ **chaperon** :

older person who accompanies and supervises a young unmarried woman

♠ **clangor** :

loud resounding noise; sound of repeated clanging

♠ **clapper** :

striker (tongue) of a bell

♡ **clap** :

strike the palms of the hands together with a sudden explosive sound; come together suddenly with a sharp sound; put or send promptly; Ex. clap the thief in jail; N: clapping; loud or explosive sound; CF. applause

♠ **clarion** :

shrill, trumpetlike sound; kind of trumpet used in former times

□ **claustrophobia** :

fear of being locked in

♠ **clavicle** :

collarbone

♡ **scrimmage** :

disorderly fight between two or more people

□ **cleave** :

split or sever; cling to; remain faithful to; N. cleavage; ADJ. cloven

♠ **cleft** :

N: split

♠ **clemency** :

disposition to be lenient in deciding punishments; mildness as of the weather; ADJ. clement

□ **cliché** :

phrase dulled in meaning by repetition; platitude; ADJ. clichéd

♡ **bromide** :

platitude; chemical compound used to calm excitement

♠ **clientele** :

body of customers

□ **climactic** :

relating to the highest point; N. climax; CF. climatic

♠ **clime** :

climate

♠ **clique** :

small exclusive group of people

□ **cloister** :

monastery or convent

♠ **clout** :

great influence (especially political or social); hard blow with fist

□ **cloying** :

distasteful (because excessive); excessively sweet or sentimental; V. cloy: become unpleasant through too much sweetness or excess

♠ **coagulate** :

congeal; thicken; clot; N. coagulant

♡ **clot** :

half-solid lump formed from a liquid (or blood); V.

♡ **pudding** :

hot sweet dish

coalesce :

combine; fuse; N. coalescence

coalition :

partnership; league; union of separate political parties

♠ **coda** :

concluding section of a musical or literary composition

♠ **coddle** :

treat gently; indulge excessively; pamper; mollycoddle; baby; cook in water just below boiling point; Ex. coddled eggs

♠ **codicil** :

supplement to the body of a will; later addition to a will

codify :

arrange (laws or rules) as a code; classify; N. code: system of words used instead of ordinary writing; collection of laws, rules, established social customs

coercion :

use of force to get someone to object; compelling; V. coerce

♠ **coeval** :

living at the same time as; existing during the same period of time; contemporary; of the same age

♠ **cog** :

tooth projecting from a wheel

cogent :

convincing

cogitate :

think over; ponder

cognate :

having a common origin; related linguistically; allied by blood; similar or akin in nature; Ex. cognate languages; N.

cognitive :

having to do with knowing or perceiving related to the mental processes; N. cognition: the mental process of knowing

cognizance :

knowledge; ADJ. cognizant; having knowledge; aware

♠ **cohabit** :

live together

cohere :

stick together

cohesion :

tendency to keep together

♠ **cohorts** :

group of people who share some common quality; armed band; a group of between 300 and 600 soldiers under one commander (in the ancient Rome)

♠ **coiffure** :

hairstyle

coin :

make coins; invent or fabricate (a word or phrase); N. coinage: word or phrase recently invented

coincidence :

the chance occurrence, at the same time, of two or more seemingly connected events; V. coincide: happen at the same time; be in agreement; CF. coincident; CF. coincidental

♠ **colander** :

utensil with perforated bottom used for straining

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collaborate :

work together; cooperate treasonably with the enemy

♠ **collage** :

work of art put together from fragments

♥ **scrap** :

small bit or fragment; discarded waste material; fight; Ex. a scrap of paper / cloth; V: break into parts for disposal; discard as worthless; fight; quarrel

♥ **scraps** :

leftover food

♥ **scrappy** :

quarrelsome

□ **collate** :

examine and compare in order to verify authenticity; arrange in order (the sheets of a book before they are bound)

□ **collateral** :

security given for loan; ADJ: secondary; descended from the same person but through different sons or daughters

♠ **collation** :

a light meal; collating

□ **colloquial** :

pertaining to conversational or common speech; informal; N. colloquialism: colloquial expression

□ **colloquy** :

informal discussion; conversation

□ **collusion** :

conspiring in a fraudulent scheme to cheat or deceive others; V. collude

□ **colossal** :

huge

□ **colossus** :

gigantic statue; person or thing of great size or importance

♠ **comatose** :

in a coma; extremely sleepy

♥ **coma** :

deep prolonged unconsciousness caused by disease, poison, or a severe blow

□ **combustible** :

easily burned; N. CF. combustion

□ **comely** :

attractive; agreeable; having a pleasing appearance

♥ **homely** :

not good-looking; unattractive

□ **comestible** :

something fit to be eaten

♠ **comeuppance** :

deserts; well-deserved punishment or misfortune; rebuke

♥ **deserts** :

what someone deserves

♠ **comity** :

courtesy; civility; Ex. comity of nations

□ **commandeer** :

take (private property) for military use without needing permission or giving payment; draft for military purposes

♥ **draft** :

first rough form; conscription; draught; V: make a draft of; conscript

♥ **draught** :

current of air (through a room or to a fire); act of pulling loads; act of swallowing liquid or amount of liquid swallowed at a time

♠ **commemorative** :

remembering; honoring the memory of; Ex. commemorative stamp

♥ **commemorate** :

honor the memory of; serve as a memorial to; Ex. commemorate the 100th anniversary/those who died in the war

commensurate :

equal in extent; of the same size

commiserate :

feel or express pity or sympathy for

commodious :

spacious and comfortable

♠ **communal** :

held in common; public; of a group of people; of a commune

♡ **commune** :

small (often rural) community whose members share work and income; V: exchange thoughts or feelings; Ex. commune with nature

compact :

agreement; contract; ADJ: tightly packed; firm; brief; concise; Ex. compact statement

compatible :

harmonious; in harmony with; able to exist together

compelling :

overpowering; irresistible in effect; holding one's attention; that compels one to do something; Ex. a compelling adventure story; V. compel

♡ **compulsion** :

compelling; strong desire that is difficult to control; irresistible impulse

♡ **compulsory** :

obligatory; that must be done

♡ **compulsive** :

resulting from compulsion

compendium :

brief, comprehensive summary; ADJ. compendious

compensatory :

making up for; repaying

compilation :

listing of information in tabular or book form; compiling

compile :

assemble; gather; accumulate; make (a report or a book) from facts and information found in various places; Ex. compile a dictionary

complacency :

self-satisfaction; smugness; ADJ. complacent

♡ **smug** :

self-satisfied; complacent

complaisant :

trying to please; obliging; willing to please others

complement :

complete; consummate; make perfect; N.

complementary :

serving to complete something

compliance :

conformity in fulfilling requirements; readiness to yield; disposition to yield to others; V. comply

compliant :

readily acting in accordance with a rule, order, or the wishes or others; yielding; conforming to requirements

complicity :

participation; involvement (in a questionable act or a crime)

component :

element; ingredient

♠ **comport** :

bear one's self; behave; Ex. comport oneself; N. comportment

♡ **deport** :

send out of the country; behave; N. deportation, department

♥ **bearing** :

department; connection

□ **composure** :

mental calmness

□ **compound** :

combine; produce by combining; increase; make worse by adding to or increasing; exacerbate; Ex. compound an error; ADJ: consisting of two or more parts; N: combination of two or more parts; area enclosed by a wall containing a group of buildings; Ex. factory compound; CF. complex

□ **comprehensive** :

broad; including a lot or everything; thorough; inclusive

♥ **comprehend** :

include; understand

□ **compress** :

force into less space; squeeze; contract; put into fewer words; N: thick mass of cloth pressed to part of the body to stop bleeding or swelling, reduce fever, etc.

□ **comprise** :

include; consist of

♠ **compromise** :

adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of; put into danger, disrepute, or a dishonorable position; Ex. compromise one's principle; N.

□ **compunction** :

remorse; strong uneasiness caused by guilt

□ **compute** :

reckon; calculate

♥ **reckon** :

count; calculate; regard as; think; suppose

□ **concatenate** :

link as in a chain

□ **concave** :

hollow; curved inwards; OP. convex

□ **concede** :

admit; acknowledge as being true (often reluctantly); yield; grant; Ex. concede a goal

□ **conceit** :

vanity or self-love; too high opinion of one's own value; extravagant metaphor (in poetry)

♥ **vain** :

full of self-admiration; conceited; without result; unsuccessful; N. vanity

□ **concentric** :

having a common center

□ **conception** :

beginning; forming of an idea; fertilization; V. conceive: form an idea in the mind; devise; become pregnant; CF. inception

♠ **concerted** :

mutually agreed on; done together by agreement; Ex. concerted effort; CF. in concert: working together

□ **concession** :

an act of yielding; conceding; something conceded; point, right, etc. given unwillingly; privilege of maintaining a business in a certain place; Ex. oil concessions in the North sea; CF. concessionaire

□ **conciliatory** :

reconciling; soothing; V. conciliate: reconcile; soothe; win the friendly feelings (by removing anger)

□ **concise** :

brief and compact

♠ **conclave** :

private secret meeting

□ **conclusive** :

decisive; ending all debate

□ **concoct** :

prepare by mixing or combining; make up in concert; devise (something false) so as to deceive; Ex. concoct an elaborate excuse for being late; N. concoction

concomitant :

that which accompanies; Ex. Deafness is a frequent concomitant of old age; ADJ: existing or happening together with something else

concord :

harmony; accord

♥ **concordat** :

formal agreement

concur :

agree; coincide; happen at the same time

concurrent :

happening at the same time; in agreement

condescend :

(derog.) bestow courtesies with a superior air; descend to the level of one considered inferior

condign :

adequate; (of punishment) severe and well deserved

condiments :

seasonings; spices

condole :

express condolences; N. condolence: sympathy for someone who has experienced great sorrow

condone :

overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse

conducive :

helpful; contributive; V. conduce; Ex. conduce to/towards

conduit :

aqueduct; passageway for fluids

♠ **confidant(confidante)** :

trusted friend (to whom one tells one's secret)

♥ **confide** :

tell in confidence (to a person one trusts); be confident about

♥ **confidence** :

self-assurance; calm unworried feeling based on a strong belief in one's abilities; strong belief in the ability of a person or plan; trust or faith in a person or thing; something confided; secret; Ex. confidence in your ability; Ex. I'm telling you this in confidence; Ex. exchange confidences about their boyfriends; ADJ. confident

♥ **confidential** :

spoken or written in secret; trusted with private matters; Ex. confidential secretary

confine :

shut in an enclosed space; restrict; keep within limits; N. confinement

confiscate :

seize; take possession of (private property) by official order (usu. as a punishment); commandeer

conflagration :

great fire

confluence :

flowing together; the place where two rivers flow together; crowd; gathering together

conformity :

harmony; agreement with established rules or customs; similarity; Ex. behave in conformity with; V. conform: be similar; act in agreement; comply; Ex. conform to the rule; CF. conformance

♥ **conformist** :

person who uncritically conforms to the customs of a group; OP. nonconformist: one who does not conform to accepted beliefs of norms

♠ **confound** :

confuse; puzzle

congeal :

freeze; coagulate

congenial :

pleasant; friendly; in agreement with one's tastes and nature; Ex. congenial weather

congenital :

existing at birth

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conglomeration :

mass of material sticking together

♥ **conglomerate** :

corporation made up of several different companies in diversified fields; mass of various material gathered together; rock consisting of small stones held together by clay; V.

congruence :

correspondence of parts; harmonious relationship; CF. congruity

congruent :

in agreement; harmonious; corresponding; coinciding exactly; CF. congruous

♠ **conifer** :

pine tree (usu. evergreen); cone-bearing tree; ADJ. coniferous; CF. deciduous; CF. evergreen

conjecture :

surmise; guess; V.

conjugal :

pertaining to marriage

conjure :

cause to appear by magic; summon (a devil or a spirit) by magical power; practice magic (esp. by very quick movement of the hands); evoke; conjure up: bring into the mind; Ex. The magician conjured a rabbit out of his hat.

connivance :

pretense of ignorance of something wrong; assistance; permission to offend; V. connive: feign ignorance (of a wrong); cooperate secretly in an illegal action; conspire

connoisseur :

person competent to act as a judge of art, etc. (whose judgments are respected); a lover of an art

connotation :

suggested or implied meaning of an expression; V. connote

connubial :

pertaining to marriage or the matrimonial state

♥ **matrimony** :

state of being married

♥ **patrimony** :

property inherited from a father

consanguinity :

kinship; relationship by birth

♥ **consanguineous(consanguine)** :

having a common ancestor

conscientious :

scrupulous; thorough and careful; Ex. conscientious worker

conscript :

drafted; person forced into military service; V.

consecrate :

dedicate; sanctify; declare as sacred; Ex. consecrate one's life to helping the poor

consensus :

general agreement; opinion reached by a group

consequential :

self-important; significant; consequent; following as a result; Ex. consequential air; CF. subsequent

conservatory(conservatoire) :

school of the fine arts (especially music or drama); glass-enclosed area; CF. conservancy

consign :

send to a person or place for sale; deliver officially; entrust; put into the care of another; set apart (for a special purpose); N. consignment; CF. consignee, consignee

consistency :

absence of contradictions; uniformity; degree of thickness or firmness; Ex. consistency of thick cream; CF. viscous

console :

lessen sadness or disappointment; give comfort; allay the sorrow of; N. consolation

consolidation :

unification; process of becoming firmer or stronger; V. consolidate: merge; strengthen

consonance :

harmony; agreement

♡ **consonant** :

harmonious; in agreement; N.

consort :

associate with; keep company; N: husband or wife (or a ruler)

conspiracy :

treacherous plot; secret plan against the law (by two or more people)

♡ **conspire** :

take part in a conspiracy; (of events) work together; combine; Ex. Events conspired to produce great difficulties.

♡ **consternation** :

great shock; dismay

constituent :

supporter; voter; member of a constituency; component

♡ **constituency** :

voters represented by an elected official; district so represented; group of supporters (or constituents)

♡ **constitution** :

constituting; system of laws; composition of something; physical makeup or structure of a person; Ex. men with strong constitutions

constraint :

restraint; compulsion; repression of feelings; reticence; V. constrain: hold back; restrain; compel; oblige; confine forcibly; imprison

construe :

explain; interpret; Ex. construe her silence as meaning that she agreed; CF. misconstrue

consummate :

complete; V.

contagion :

infection (by contact); ADJ. contagious; CF. infectious: that can be passed by infection in the air

♡ **drastic** :

strong; violent and severe; Ex. drastic changes/measures

contaminate :

pollute

contempt :

scorn; disdain; ADJ. contemptuous; CF. contemptible

contend :

struggle; compete; assert earnestly; state strongly

contention :

assertion; claim; thesis; struggling; competition

♡ **thesis** :

opinion put forward and supported by reasoned arguments

♡ **boost** :

lift by pushing up from below; increase; raise; N: push upward; increase

contentious :

quarrelsome; controversial; likely to cause arguments

contest :

dispute; argue about the rightness of; compete for; try to win; Ex. contest the election results; Ex. contest a seat in Parliament; N.

context :

writings preceding and following the passage quoted; circumstance in which an event occurs

contiguous :

adjacent to; touching upon

♠ **continence** :

self-restraint; sexual chastity; sexual abstinence; voluntary control over bladder and bowel functions; ADJ. continent

♠ **contingent** :

dependent on something uncertain or in the future; conditional; happening by chance; accidental; N: a group of soldiers, ships to a larger force; CF. contingency: future event that may or may not occur; possibility; Ex. prepare for every contingency

contortions :

twistings; distortions; V. contort: twist violently out of shape; CF. contortionist

♠ **contraband** :

illegal trade; smuggling; smuggled goods; ADJ.

♠ **contravene** :

contradict; oppose; violate (a rule, law, or custom); N. contravention

contrite :

penitent; repentant; N. contrition

♠ **contrived** :

unnatural and forced; artificial; not spontaneous; Ex. The ending was rather contrived.

♡ **contrive** :

invent or fabricate in a clever way (by improvisation); manage; Ex. contrive to attract his attention

♡ **contrivance** :

something contrived; machine or apparatus; clever deceitful plan; scheme

controvert :

oppose with arguments; attempt to refute; contradict; ADJ. controversial; N. controversy

contumacious :

stubborn and disobedient; resisting authority (esp. disobedient to an order made by a court)

contusion :

bruise

♡ **bruise** :

injure without breaking the skin; N.

♠ **conundrum** :

riddle; difficult problem

convene :

come together; assemble; call to meet; Ex. convene the council

convention :

social or moral custom; established practice; formal meeting; international agreement

conventional :

ordinary; typical; not nuclear; Ex. conventional weapons

converge :

approach; tend to meet; come together

conversant :

familiar with; having knowledge of

converse :

opposite; ADJ.

convert :

one who has adopted a different religion or opinion; V: change into another form; (persuade to) adopt a particular religion or belief

convex :

curving outward

conveyance :

vehicle; transfer; act of conveying; Ex. public conveyance

conviction :

judgment that someone is guilty of a crime; strongly held belief

convivial :

bodily (rather than spiritual); of a bodily form; material; tangible

corpulent :

pleasantly merry; festive; joyous; gay; characterized by joviality; jovial

convoke :

very fat; N. corpulence

♡ **corpus** :

call together; Ex. convoke Parliament; N. convocation

convoluted :

collection (of writings or information); Ex. the corpus of Shakespear's works; Cf. corpse

♡ **corpuscle** :

coiled around; twisted; involved; complicated; intricate; complex; N. convolution: twist; one of the convex folds of the surface of the brain

♡ **convulsion** :

red or white cell in the blood

correlation :

violent uncontrollable shaking movement (caused by illness); V. convulse; ADJ. convulsive

♠ **copious** :

mutual relationship

♡ **correlate** :

plentiful

♠ **coquette** :

either of the correlated things; V.

corroborate :

flirt; flirtatious woman; woman who tries to attract the admiration of men without sincere feelings; V.

♡ **flirt** :

confirm; support; strengthen

corrode :

behave in a way that attracts (sexual) attention; deal triflingly with; N: one (or woman) given to flirting; ADJ. flirtatious

cordial :

destroy or wear away gradually by chemical action (over a long period)

corrosive :

warmly friendly; gracious; heartfelt; Ex. cordial welcome

♠ **cordon** :

eating away by chemicals or disease; (of language) fierce

♠ **corrugated** :

extended line of men or fortifications to prevent access or egress; (어깨에서 겨드랑 밑으로 걸치는) 장식 리본; V.

♠ **cornice** :

wrinkled; ridged

♡ **wrinkle** :

projecting molding on building (usually above columns or pillars); 처마 장식

♠ **cornucopia** :

small ridge on a smooth surface (face or cloth); V.

♡ **crinkle** :

horn (or horn-shaped container) overflowing with fruit and grain; symbol of abundance; horn of plenty

corollary :

wrinkle

cosmic :

natural consequence (which naturally follows from something else)

♠ **corporeal** :

pertaining to the universe; vast

♠ **coterie** :

group that meets socially; select circle; close group of people with shared interests

countenance :

approve; support; tolerate; Ex. countenance his rude behavior; N: face; appearance

♠ **countermand** :

cancel; revoke (an order)

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counterpart :

thing that completes another; things very much alike; thing that has the same purpose in a different system

♠ **coup** :

highly successful action or sudden attack; coup(s) d'état; CF. coup de grâce: deathblow or shot which kills

couple :

join; unite; OP. uncouple

♠ **courier** :

messenger

♠ **covenant** :

binding agreement between two groups or people; compact; V: enter into a covenant; promise

♡ **bargain** :

agreement between two groups or people; something for sale at a price advantageous to the buyer; V: negotiate; trade; Ex. bargaining power

covert :

secret; hidden; implied; OP. overt

♠ **covetous** :

avaricious; desirous of (someone else's possessions); V. covet: desire eagerly (someone else's possessions)

♠ **cow** :

terrorize; intimidate

♠ **cower** :

shrink quivering as from fear; cringe

♠ **coy** :

shy (flirtatiously); showing a (pretended) lack of self-confidence; modest; coquettish; CF. job offer를 받았을 때

♠ **cozen** :

cheat; hoodwink; swindle

♠ **crabbed** :

sour; bad-tempered; peevish; difficult to read as handwriting

♡ **peevish** :

bad-tempered; irritable; V. peeve: make angry

♠ **crass** :

very unrefined; grossly insensible; crude and indiscriminating; Ex. crass behavior

craven :

cowardly

credence :

belief

♠ **credo** :

creed

credulity :

belief on slight evidence; gullibility; naiveté; ADJ. credulous

creed :

system of religious or ethical belief

crescendo :

increase in the volume or intensity as in a musical passage; climax; CF. crescent

♡ **far-fetched** :

too improbable to be believed; implausible; Ex. far-fetched story

♡ **overture** :

musical introduction to a long musical piece; first offer or proposal (to begin talks in the hope of reaching an agreement); Ex. overtures for peace

♠ **crestfallen** :

dejected; dispirited

♡ **crest** :

top (as of a hill or wave); showy feathers on the head of a bird

♠ **crevice** :

crack; fissure

□ **cringe** :

shrink back as if in fear; cower

□ **criteria** :

standards used in judging; CF. criterion

♠ **crone** :

hag; ugly old woman

♠ **crotchety** :

(of someone old) eccentric; odd; whimsical; bad-tempered; N. crotchet: odd or whimsical notion

♠ **crux** :

essential or main point; Ex. the crux of the problem; ADJ. crucial: of deciding importance

□ **crypt** :

secret recess or vault usually used for burial; underground room (under a church)

□ **cryptic** :

mysterious; hidden; secret

♠ **cubicle** :

small chamber used for sleeping or work

♡ **compartment** :

one of the parts into which an enclosed space is divided

♠ **cuisine** :

style of cooking; Ex. French cuisine

♠ **culinary** :

relating to cooking or kitchen

♠ **cull** :

pick out from others (to kill the weakest members); reject; select; collect (information); N.

□ **culmination** :

highest point; climax; V. culminate in: reach the highest point in; end in; Ex. a series of minor clashes culminating in war

□ **culpable** :

deserving blame; blameworthy

♡ **culprit** :

one guilty of a crime

♠ **culvert** :

artificial channel for water; drain crossing under a road

□ **cumbersome** :

heavy and awkward to carry or wear; burdensome; Ex. cumbersome parcel/uniform

□ **cumulative** :

growing by addition; accumulative

□ **cupidity** :

greed (for wealth); CF. cupid; CF. Cupid

□ **curator** :

superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)

♠ **curmudgeon** :

churlish, miserly individual; bad-tempered old person

♠ **cursive** :

(of writing) flowing; running; having the successive letters joined

□ **cursor** :

casual; hastily done with little attention to detail

curtail :

intimidate; frighten; discourage; dishearten

dauntless :

shorten; reduce

cynical :

bold; fearless

dawdle :

skeptical or distrustful of human motives; N. cynicism; CF. cynic: person who believes all people are motivated by selfishness

♠ **cynosure** :

loiter; hang around; waste time doing nothing

deadlock :

object of general attention; person or thing that is a center of attention; CF. Ursa Minor

♠ **dabble** :

standstill resulting from the opposition of two unrelenting forces; stalemate

♡ **standstill** :

work at in a nonserious fashion; splash around; move noisily in a liquid

♠ **dais** :

condition of no movement or activity; stop

♠ **deadpan** :

raised platform for speakers or other important people

♠ **dally** :

wooden; impassive; with no show of feeling; with an expressionless face

dearth :

trifle with; toy with; treat without the necessary seriousness; procrastinate; waste time

♠ **dank** :

scarcity

débâcle :

damp; unpleasantly wet

♠ **dapper** :

sudden disastrous downfall or defeat; complete disaster

debase :

neat and trim (in appearance); (of small men) neat in appearance and quick in movements; neat; spry

♠ **dappled** :

degrade; reduce in quality or value; degenerate; lower in esteem; disgrace; N. debasement

♡ **kneel** :

spotted

♠ **daub** :

go down on one's knee(s)

♠ **debauch** :

smear (as with paint); cover with something sticky; Ex. daub one's clothes with mud/paint; N: small bit of sticky substance; Ex. a daub of paint

♡ **smear** :

corrupt morally; seduce from virtue; N. debauchery: wild behavior (with sex and alcohol)

♡ **seduce** :

spread or cover with a sticky substance; N: mark made by smearing

♡ **smudge** :

lead away from proper conduct; entice; ADJ. seductive

debilitate :

dirty mark with unclear edges made by rubbing; V.

daunt :

weaken (esp. through heat, hunger, illness); enfeeble

♡ **bout** :

match; short period of great activity; Ex. wrestling bout; bout of drinking/flu

♠ **debonair** :

(of men) friendly, charming, and fashionably dressed; aiming to please; CF. of good disposition

□ **débris** :

rubble; wreckage; scattered remains of something broken or destroyed

♠ **debunk** :

expose as false, exaggerated, worthless, etc.; ridicule

♠ **debutante** :

young woman making formal entrance into society

♡ **debut** :

début; first public appearance; formal presentation of a young woman to society

□ **decadence** :

decay; fall to a lower level (of morality, civilization, or art); ADJ. decadent

□ **decant** :

pour off gently (wine or liquid)

□ **decapitate** :

behead

□ **decelerate** :

slow down

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♠ **deciduous** :

falling off at a specific season or stage of growth as of leaves; Ex. deciduous tree/teeth

□ **decimate** :

kill (usually one out of ten or every tenth man); destroy or kill a large part of

□ **decipher** :

decode; CF. indecipherable

♠ **declivity** :

downward slope

♠ **décolleté** :

(of a dress) having a low-cut neckline; CF. décolletage: low neckline (on a dress)

♡ **decree** :

authoritative order; edict; judgment of a court of law; V. order or judge by decree

♠ **decomposition** :

decay; V. decompose: decay; break and separate into simple parts

□ **decorum** :

propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners; appropriateness of behavior or conduct

♡ **decorous** :

proper (in behavior, conduct, or appearance)

□ **decoy** :

lure or bait; V.

□ **decrepitude** :

state of collapse or weakness caused by illness or old age

♡ **decrepit** :

weak and in bad condition from old age or hard use; Ex. decrepit old chair/man

♠ **decry** :

express strong disapproval of; condemn openly (something dangerous to the public); disparage; Ex. decry the violence of modern films

□ **deducible** :

derived by reasoning; V. deduce: infer; derive by reasoning

□ **deface** :

mar; disfigure

♡ **mar** :

spoil the appearance of

□ **defame** :

harm someone's reputation; malign; speak evil of; slander; N. defamation; ADJ. defamatory

default :

failure to act; failure to perform a task or be present; V.

♠ **defeatist** :

resigned to defeat or failure; accepting defeat or failure as a natural outcome; N. CF. defeatism

defection :

desertion

♥ **defect** :

shortcoming; V: desert (in order to join the opposite one)

defer :

give in respectfully; submit; delay till later; exempt temporarily; N. deferment; CF. show respect, comply with, courteous

deference :

courteous regard for another's wish; courteous yielding to another's wish or opinion (showing respect); ADJ. deferential; OP. effrontery

defiance :

refusal to yield; resistance; V. defy; ADJ. defiant

defile :

pollute; make filthy or dirty; corrupt morally; profane; desecrate; N: narrow passage or gorge through mountains

definitive :

most reliable; authoritative and complete; that cannot be improved; conclusive; decisive; definite; Ex. definitive decision by the supreme court

deflect :

turn aside; turn away from a straight course

♠ **defoliate** :

destroy leaves; deprive of leaves (by the use of chemicals); N. defoliant

♠ **defray** :

provide for the payment of; undertake the payment of; pay

♠ **defrock** :

strip a priest or minister of church authority; unfrock

♥ **frock** :

long loose garment (worn by monks)

deft :

neat; skillful

defunct :

dead; no longer in use or existence

degenerate :

become worse in quality; deteriorate; ADJ: having become worse; Ex. a degenerate species; N: depraved or corrupt person

degradation :

humiliation; debasement; degeneration; V. degrade: debase; disgrace; degenerate; reduce (something) in worth; demote (someone); reduce in rank

♥ **dishonor** :

disgrace; N. ADJ. dishonorable

♠ **dehydrate** :

remove water from; dry out

deify :

turn into a god; make a god of; idolize; Ex. Kings were deified; CF. deity

♠ **deign** :

condescend; stoop

♥ **stoop** :

bend forward and down; lower or debase oneself; fall to a lower standard of behavior by doing something; condescend; Ex. stoop to lying

delete :

erase; strike out

♠ **deleterious** :

harmful

deliberate :

consider; ponder; ADJ: done on purpose; slow

delineate :

portray; depict; sketch; describe; N. delineation

delirium :

mental disorder marked by confusion; uncontrolled excitement; ADJ. delirious

delta :

flat plain of mud or sand between branches of a river

delude :

deceive

deluge :

flood; rush; V.

delusion :

false belief; hallucination; deluding; Ex. delusions of grandeur; Ex. under the delusion that

delusive :

deceptive; likely to delude; misleading; raising vain hopes; Ex. delusive promises

♠ **delve** :

dig; search deeply; investigate

demagogue :

person who appeals to people's prejudice; false leader of people; CF. demagoguery

demean :

disgrace; humiliate; debase in dignity; behave

demeanor :

behavior; bearing

demented :

insane

demise :

death

♠ **demographic** :

related to population balance; N. demography: statistical study of human population

demolition :

destruction; V. demolish

♠ **demonic(demoniacal)** :

fiendish; cruel; N. demon: evil supernatural being; devil

♡ **fiend** :

evil spirit; devil

♠ **demotic** :

of or pertaining to the people

♠ **demur** :

object (because of doubts, scruples); raise an objection (showing qualms); hesitate; Ex. demur at the idea of working on Sunday

♠ **demure** :

(of a woman or child) grave; quiet and serious; coy; pretending to be demure

denigrate :

blacken; defame

denizen :

(animal, person, or plant) inhabitant or resident of a particular place; regular visitor

denotation :

meaning; distinguishing by name; V. denote: indicate; refer to directly; mean; CF. connotation

♠ **dénouement** :

final outcome; final development of the plot of a play or other literary work; the end of a story when everything is explained

denounce :

condemn; criticize; N. denunciation

depict :

portray

♥ **exposé** :

public revelation of something discreditable

deplete :

reduce; exhaust

deplore :

regret; express sorrow and severe disapproval for something bad; Ex. deplore their violent behavior; ADJ.

deplorable: very bad; deserving severe disapproval; Ex. deplorable living condition

deploy :

spread out (troops) in an extended though shallow battle line; distribute (persons or forces) systematically or strategically

♥ **battalion** :

army unit made up of four or more companies

depose :

dethrone; remove from office; give a deposition; testify

deposition :

testimony under oath; deposing; dethroning

depravity :

extreme corruption; wickedness; V. deprave

deprecate :

express disapproval of; deplore; protest against; belittle; ADJ. deprecatory

depreciate :

lessen in value; belittle; represent as of little value

depredation :

plundering; destruction

deranged :

insane

♥ **institute** :

organization for a special purpose; V. establish

♥ **institution** :

instituting; (building for the) organization; established custom, practice, or relationship in a society; mental

hospital; Ex. institution of marriage

♥ **institutionalize** :

make into an institution; put or confine in an institution

derelict :

negligent; (of someone) neglectful of duty; (of something) deserted by an owner; abandoned; N. abandoned

property; homeless or vagrant person

♥ **dereliction** :

neglect of duty; abandonment

deride :

ridicule; treat with contempt; make fun of; OP. respect

derision :

ridicule; ADJ. derisive; CF. derisory

derivative :

unoriginal; obtained from another source; Ex. derivative prose style; N.

♥ **derivation** :

deriving; origin or source of something; Ex. the derivation of the word

dermatologist :

one who studies the skin and its diseases

♥ **acne** :

skin disease (on the face)

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derogatory :

expressing a low opinion; disparaging; V. derogate: detract; disparage

♠ **descry** :

catch sight of (something distant)

desecrate :

profane; violate the sanctity of

♡ **violate** :

break (a law); defile; desecrate; assault sexually; Ex. violate graves

desiccate :

dry up

desolate :

(of a place) deserted; unpopulated; (of a person) lonely; forlorn; joyless

desolate :

make desolate; forsake; abandon and desert

♠ **desperado** :

reckless, desperate outlaw

♡ **desperate** :

having lost all hope; despairing; reckless and violent because of loss of hope or despair; undertaken as a last resort

despise :

look on with scorn; regard as worthless or distasteful; ADJ. despicable: contemptible

despoil :

plunder; sack; Ex. despoil the village

despondent :

without hope and courage; depressed; gloomy; N. despondency: loss of hope with gloom; dejection

despot :

tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; CF. despotism

destitute :

extremely poor; lacking means of subsistence; utterly lacking; devoid; Ex. destitute of any experience

♡ **impoverish** :

make poor; deprive of natural strength or something important; Ex. impoverished soil

desultory :

aimless; haphazard; digressing at random

♠ **detached** :

emotionally removed; free from emotional involvement; calm and objective; physically separate; N. detachment; CF. attachment

♡ **detain** :

keep waiting; prevent from leaving or going; N. detention

♠ **determinate** :

having a fixed order of procedure; precisely defined; invariable; fixed; conclusive; final

♠ **determination** :

resolve; firmness of purpose; measurement or calculation; decision

deterrent :

something that discourages or deters

detonation :

explosion

detraction :

slandering; aspersion; detracting; CF. detractor

detrimental :

harmful; damaging; N. detriment

deviate :

turn away from (a principle, norm); move away from an accepted standard; swerve; depart; diverge; N. deviation; Ex. deviation of the path of light by a prism

♠ **devious** :

roundabout; erratic; deviating from the straight course; not straightforward; not completely honest; Ex. devious route

devise :

bitter scolding or denunciation; invective; abuse

think up; invent; plan; bequeath; N: bequest

devoid :

dichotomy :

division into two opposite parts; split; branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones)

empty; lacking

♠ **devolve** :

♠ **dictum** :

authoritative and weighty statement (made by a judge in court); saying; maxim; CF. obiter dictum: incidental, nonbinding remark (something said in passing)

deputize; pass or be passed to others (power, work, or property); Ex. devolve on/upon/to

♡ **deputize** :

♠ **didactic** :

(of speech or writing) intended to teach a moral lesson; teaching; instructional; N: didacticism

work or appoint as a deputy; N: deputy: person who has the power to take charge when the leading person is away

devotee :

♠ **die** :

metal block used for shaping metal or plastic; device for stamping or impressing; mold; CF. dice

enthusiastic follower; enthusiast; Ex. devotee of Bach

devout :

diffidence :

shyness; lack of self-confidence; timidity; ADJ. diffident

pious; deeply religious; sincere; earnest; Ex. my devout hope

♡ **religious** :

♠ **diffuse** :

wordy; verbose; rambling; spread out (like a gas); V: spread out in all directions; disperse; N: diffusion; CF. suffuse

of religion; (of a person) pious; having reverence for a deity

dexterous :

digression :

wandering away from the subject; V: digress

skillful; skill in using hands or mind; N: dexterity

diabolical :

dilapidated :

falling to pieces; in a bad condition; ruined because of neglect; Ex. dilapidated old car/castle; N: dilapidation

diabolic; devilish; fiendish

♠ **diadem** :

dilate :

expand; dilate on/upon: speak or write at length on (a subject)

crown

dialectical :

dilatory :

delaying; tending to delay

relating to the art of debate; mutual or reciprocal; Ex. dialectical situation; N: dialectic: art of arriving at the truth by the exchange of logical arguments

diaphanous :

dilemma :

situation that requires a choice between equally unfavorable options; problem; choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives

sheer; transparent

♠ **diatribe** :

♠ **dilettante** :

aimless follower of an art or a field of knowledge (not taking it seriously); amateur; dabbler; CF. delight

diligence :

steadiness of effort; persistent hard work

dilute :

make (a liquid) less concentrated; reduce in strength; Ex. dilute the influence of the president

diminution :

lessening; reduction in size; V. diminish

din :

continued loud noise; V: make a din; instill by wearying repetition

♥ **weary** :

tired after long work; V.

♠ **dinghy** :

small boat (often ship's boat)

♥ **maroon** :

leave helpless on a deserted island or coast; ADJ. red brown

♠ **dingy** :

(of things and place) dirty and dull; Ex. dingy street/curtain

♥ **dull** :

(of colors or surfaces) not bright; cloudy; overcast; boring; (of edge or sound) not sharp; not rapid; sluggish; slow in thinking and understanding; stupid; V.

♠ **dint** :

means; effort; Ex. by dint of hard work

♠ **diorama** :

life-size, three-dimensional scene from nature or history; three-dimensional scene with modeled figures against a painted background

♠ **dire** :

warning of disaster; disastrous; (of needs and dangers) very great; urgent; Ex. dire prediction/need of food

♠ **dirge** :

funeral song; slow mournful piece of music (sung over a dead person)

disabuse :

correct a false impression; undeceive; free from a wrong belief

♠ **disaffected** :

disloyal; lacking loyalty; V. disaffect: cause to lose affection or loyalty

disapprobation :

disapproval; condemnation

♠ **disarray** :

state of disorder; a disorderly or untidy state; Ex. with her clothes in disarray

♠ **disavowal** :

denial; disclaiming; repudiating; disowning; V. disavow; CF. disclaim

♠ **disband** :

dissolve; disperse; (of a group) break up and separate; Ex. The club has disbanded.

♠ **disburse** :

pay out (as from a fund); N. disbursement; CF. purse

discernible :

distinguishable; perceivable; Ex. discernible improvement

discerning :

mentally quick and observant; having insight; perceptive; able to make good judgments; V. discern: perceive

♠ **disclaim** :

disown; renounce claim to; deny; CF. disclaimer

disclose :

reveal; N. disclosure

♠ **discombobulated** :

discomposed; confused

♥ **discompose** :

disturb the composure of; confuse

discomfit :

frustrate; put to rout; defeat; disconcert; embarrass; perturb

♠ **disconcert** :

confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb

disconsolate :

hopelessly sad (at the loss of something)

discord :

conflict; lack of harmony; dissonance (when musical notes are played)

discordant :

not harmonious; conflicting

♠ **discount** :

disregard; regard (a story or news) as unimportant; deduct from a cost

discourse :

serious speech, writing, or conversation; formal discussion (either written or spoken); conversation; V.

discredit :

defame; disgrace; destroy confidence in; disbelieve; N. CF. discreditable: causing discredit; shameful

discrepancy :

lack of consistency or agreement as between facts; difference; Ex. discrepancy between two descriptions

discrete :

separate; unconnected

discretion :

prudence; ability to adjust actions to circumstances; freedom of action or judgment; ADJ. discreet; CF. discretionary

discriminating :

able to see differences; discerning; prejudiced; N. discrimination

♥ **discriminate** :

distinguish; make distinctions on the basis of preference

♥ **brisk** :

quick and active; marked by liveliness and vigor

♠ **discursive** :

(of a person or writing) digressing; rambling (without any clear plan)

disdain :

treat with scorn or contempt

♠ **disembark** :

debar; go ashore (from a ship); unload cargo from a ship; CF. embark

disenfranchise :

disfranchise; deprive of a civil right; OP. enfranchise

♠ **disengage** :

uncouple; separate; disconnect; stop fighting; OP. engage

disfigure :

mar the appearance of; spoil

♠ **disgorge** :

surrender something (stolen); eject; vomit; OP. gorge

♠ **disgruntle** :

make discontented

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dishearten :

discourage

♠ **disheveled** :

untidy (of hair or clothing); V. dishevel

disinclination :

unwillingness

♠ **disingenuous** :

not naive; not candid; sophisticated; worldly wise; OP. ingenuous

♠ **disinter** :

dig up; unearth; OP. inter

□ **disinterested** :

unprejudiced; free from bias and self-interest; objective

□ **disjointed** :

disconnected; lacking coherence; V. disjoint: disconnect; disjoin

□ **disjunction** :

act or state of separation; disunity; CF. disjunctive: expressing a choice between two ideas; CF. conjunction; CF. conjunctive

♠ **dislodge** :

remove (forcibly); force out of a position; Ex. dislodge the food caught in his throat; CF. lodge

♠ **dismantle** :

take apart; disassemble

♥ **mantle** :

loose sleeveless outer garment; cloak; something that covers or envelops; the layer of the earth between the crust and the core

♥ **crust** :

hard outer covering (as of earth or snow)

□ **dismember** :

cut into small parts; cut (a body) apart limb from limb

♠ **dismiss** :

eliminate from consideration; no longer consider; put out of court without further hearing; reject; discharge from employment; direct to leave; ADJ. dismissive; N. dismissal

□ **disparage** :

belittle

□ **maneuver(manoeuver)** :

strategic military or naval movement (done for training purposes); carefully planned process; stratagem; V. carry out a military maneuver; use maneuvers in gaining an end

□ **disparate** :

basically different; impossible to compare; unrelated

□ **disparity** :

difference; condition of inequality; OP. parity

□ **dispassionate** :

calm; impartial; not influenced by personal feelings

□ **dispatch** :

speediness; prompt execution; message sent with all due speed; V. send to a specified destination; finish promptly; kill

□ **dispel** :

scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

♥ **dispense** :

distribute; prepare and give out (medicines); N. dispensation: dispensing; religious system; official exemption from an obligation or a rule

□ **disperse** :

scatter; Ex. disperse the cloud/crowd

♠ **dispirited** :

lacking in spirit

♠ **disport** :

amuse; Ex. disport oneself; CF. divert

□ **disputatious** :

argumentative; fond of argument

□ **disquietude** :

uneasiness; anxiety; V. disquiet: make anxious

♠ **disquisition** :

formal systematic inquiry; explanation of the results of a formal inquiry; long formal speech or written report

□ **dissection** :

analysis; cutting apart in order to examine

♠ **dissemble** :

disguise; hide the real nature of; pretend

□ **disseminate** :

distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)

□ **dissent** :

disagree

□ **dissertation** :

formal essay; treatise

□ **dissident** :

dissenting (with an opinion, a group, or a government); rebellious; N.

♠ **dissimulate** :

pretend; conceal by feigning; dissemble

□ **dissipate** :

squander; waste foolishly; scatter

♠ **dissolution** :

disintegration; reduction to a liquid form; looseness in morals; sensual indulgence; debauchery; ADJ. dissolute: lacking in moral restraint; leading an immoral life

♡ **reduce** :

diminish; bring to a weaker or more difficult condition; demote; lower in rank; separate into components by analysis; Ex. reduced to the ranks; Ex. reduce the house to rubble; N. reduction

□ **dissuade** :

persuade not to do; discourage; N. dissuasion

♡ **dissonance** :

discord

♠ **distant** :

reserved or aloof; cold in manner; Ex. distant greeting; ADV. distantly

□ **distend** :

expand; swell out

□ **distill** :

refine (a liquid by evaporating and subsequent condensation); concentrate; separate the most important parts from; Ex. distill fresh water from sea water; CF. brew

♠ **distinction** :

honor; excellence; difference; contrast; discrimination; Ex. graduated with distinction; Ex. a writer of real distinction

♡ **distinct** :

clearly different; clearly noticed

♡ **distinctive** :

clearly different from others of the same kind

□ **distort** :

twist out of shape; give a false account of; misrepresent; N. distortion

♠ **distrain** :

absentminded; distracted

♠ **distraught** :

upset; distracted by anxiety; very anxious and troubled almost to the point of madness; Ex. distraught with grief/worry

♡ **distract** :

take (one's attention) off something; upset emotionally; make anxious; ADJ. distracted

□ **diurnal** :

daily; occurring during the daytime

□ **diva** :

operatic singer; prima donna

□ **diverge** :

vary; go in different directions from the same point; ADJ. divergent: differing; deviating

□ **diverse** :

differing in some characteristics (from each other); various; N. diversity: variety; dissimilitude; lack of resemblance

diversion :

act of turning aside; pastime; V. divert: turn aside from a course; distract; amuse

divest :

strip (as of clothes); deprive (as of rights); dispossess; N. divestiture(divestment)

divine :

perceive intuitively (by or as if by magic); foresee the future; foretell; dowse; ADJ. N. divination

♥ **dowse** :

use a divining rod to search for underground water or minerals

divulge :

reveal

docile :

obedient; easily managed; submissive

♥ **ferocious** :

fierce; violent; N. ferocity

♠ **docket** :

program as for trial; book where such entries are made; list of things to be done; agenda; label fixed to a package listing contents or directions; V. describe in a docket

♠ **doctrinaire** :

unable to compromise about points of doctrine; dogmatic; unyielding; marked by inflexible attachment to a doctrine without regard to its practical difficulties

doctrine :

teachings in general; particular principle (religious, legal, etc.) taught; dogma; tenet; ADJ. doctrinal

♥ **indoctrinate** :

cause to accept a doctrine without questioning it; Ex. indoctrinated with mindless anti-communism

♠ **document** :

provide written evidence (for a claim); record with documents; N.

♠ **doddering** :

shaky; infirm from old age; V. dodder

♥ **merit** :

deserve; ADJ. meritorious: deserving reward or praise

♠ **doff** :

take off; OP. don

♠ **dogged** :

determined; stubborn; stubbornly persevering; tenacious; Ex. Inspector Javert's dogged pursuit of Jean Valjean

♥ **persevere** :

continue steadily in spite of difficulties

♠ **doggerel** :

poor verse

dogmatic :

opinionated; holding stubbornly to one's opinion; arbitrary; doctrinal

♠ **doldrums** :

blues; listlessness(lack of spirit or energy); slack(inactive) period; period of stagnation; ocean area near the equator where ships cannot move because there is no wind; Ex. in the doldrums

♥ **blues** :

state of depression or melancholy; style of slow, mournful music (evolved from southern Black American songs)

dolorous :

sorrowful; N. dolor

♠ **dolt** :

slow-thinking stupid person; CF. dull

♠ **domicile** :

home; V. ADJ. domiciled: having one's domicile; Ex. He is domiciled in Britain.

♠ **domineer** :

rule over tyrannically

♥ **dominate** :

control; rule; enjoy a commanding position in; overlook from a height; 내려다보다

♡ **dominant** :

plunge into water or liquid; dip; immerse; drench; wet thoroughly; extinguish; throw water over; douse

♠ **dowdy** :

exercising the most influence; high and easily seen; stronger than the other part of a system; not recessive

♠ **don** :

untidy (of a woman or clothes); slovenly; dressed in an unattractive way; shabby; CF. unattractive woman

♠ **downcast** :

put on; OP. doff

♡ **outfit** :

disheartened; dejected; sad; directed downward

♠ **drab** :

clothing or equipment for a special purpose; Ex. cowboy outfit

□ **dormant** :

dull; lacking color; cheerless ; Ex. drab coat/life

♠ **draconian** :

sleeping; temporarily inactive; lethargic; latent

♠ **dormer** :

extremely severe; Ex. draconian punishment; CF. Draco: Athenian politician

♠ **dregs** :

window projecting upright from roof; CF. sleeping room

□ **dorsal** :

sediment in a liquid; lees; worthless residue

♠ **drivel** :

relating to the back of an animal; Ex. dorsal fin

♠ **dossier** :

nonsense; foolishness; V: talk nonsense

♡ **nonsense** :

file of documents on a subject or person; file; CF. bundle of papers labeled on the back

♠ **dotage** :

speech or writing with no meaning; foolish behavior or language; Ex. make (a) nonsense of: spoil; cause to fail

♡ **dribble** :

senility; feeble-mindedness of old age; Ex. In one's dotage

♠ **dote** :

flow or fall in drops; let saliva flow out slowly from the mouth; move a ball; N.

♡ **drip** :

be excessively fond of; show signs of mental decline

♠ **dour** :

fall or let fall in drops; shed drops; N: action or sound of falling in drops; liquid that falls in drops

♡ **trickle** :

sullen; gloomy; stubborn

♡ **sullen** :

flow in drops or in a thin stream; N.

♠ **droll** :

silently showing ill humor or resentment; dark; gloomy

♡ **brood** :

queer and amusing

♡ **queer** :

sit on in order to hatch; think deeply or worry anxiously; N: the young of certain animals; group of young birds

hatched at one time

♠ **douse** :

strange; eccentric; deviating from the normal

♠ **drone** :

idle person who lives on other people's work; male bee

♠ **drone** :

talk dully; buzz or murmur like a bee; N.

♡ **murmur** :

low, indistinct, continuous sound; V. CF. mumble

♠ **dross** :

waste matter; worthless impurities

□ **drudgery** :

hard unpleasant work; menial work

♡ **drudge** :

do drudgery; N: person who drudges

♠ **dubious** :

questionable; (of something) causing doubt; (of someone) filled with doubt; N. dubiety

♠ **ductile** :

malleable; pliable; (of metals) easily pulled into shape; flexible; (of someone) easily influenced or controlled

♠ **dulcet** :

sweet sounding; pleasing to the ear; melodious

♠ **dumbfound(dumfound)** :

astonish (making dumb); ADJ. dumbfounded, dumfounded, dumbstruck

♠ **dupe** :

someone easily fooled or deceived; V: deceive

♠ **duplicity** :

double-dealing; hypocrisy; being dishonest and deceitful; ADJ. duplicitous

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□ **duration** :

length of time something lasts

♠ **duress** :

forcible restraint, especially unlawfully; coercion by threat; illegal coercion; Ex. a promise made under duress

♠ **dutiful(duteous)** :

(of people or their behavior) respectful; obedient (filled with a sense of duty)

♠ **dwindle** :

shrink; reduce gradually

□ **dynamic** :

energetic; vigorously active

♡ **dynamo** :

generator for producing electricity; energetic person

♠ **dyspeptic** :

suffering from indigestion; N. dyspepsia: indigestion; difficulty in digesting food

♡ **dys-** :

abnormal; impaired

♡ **dyslexia** :

word blindness; learning disorder marked by impairment of the ability to read

♡ **dysentery** :

inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract

♠ **earthy** :

unrefined; coarse; of earth; Ex. earthy remarks; OP. ethereal

♡ **earthly** :

of this earth; terrestrial; worldly; not divine; possible; Ex. no earthly reason

□ **ebb** :

(of the tide) recede; lessen; diminish; N. OP. flow: rise of tide

□ **ebullient** :

showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm; boiling; N. ebullience; N. ebullition: state of boiling

□ **eccentric** :

irregular; odd; unconventional; whimsical; bizarre; not concentric

eccentricity :

oddity; idiosyncrasy

ecclesiastic :

ecclesiastical; pertaining to the church; N: minister; priest; cleric; clergyman

♡ **chapel** :

small church (in a prison, college, or hospital)

♡ **chaplain** :

clergyman attached to a chapel

♡ **padre** :

chaplain (in the armed forces)

eclectic :

selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources; selecting individual elements from a variety of sources; N: eclecticism

♡ **selective** :

careful in choosing; having an effect only on certain things; not general; Ex. eclectic weed killer

eclipse :

darken; extinguish; outshine; surpass; cause an eclipse

♡ **ecliptic** :

path of the sun and the planets

ecologist :

person concerned with the interrelationship between living organisms and their environment; person concerned with the detrimental effects of human civilization on the environment; CF. ecology

♡ **ecosystem** :

ecological community together with its environment

economy :

efficiency or conciseness in using something; thrifty management of resources

ecstasy :

rapture; very strong feeling of joy and happiness; any overpowering emotion; ADJ. ecstatic: causing or experiencing ecstasy

♡ **rapture** :

great joy and delight; ecstasy; ADJ. rapturous

♠ **eddy** :

swirling current of water, air, etc.; V.

edict :

decree (especially one issued by a sovereign); official command

♡ **sovereign** :

ruler in a monarchy; ADJ: (of a country) independent and self-governing; having supreme power; supreme; excellent

♡ **sovereignty** :

complete independence and self-government (of a country); supremacy of authority; power to govern

♠ **edify** :

instruct; correct morally

♡ **edifice** :

building (of imposing size)

erie :

weird; causing fear because strange

efface :

rub out; remove the surface of

effectual :

able to produce a desired effect; valid

♡ **effective** :

effectual; producing a strong response; striking; in operation; in effect; Ex. effective speech/photograph

♡ **effectuate** :

effect; produce; achieve; Ex. effectuate a reconciliation

effeminate :

having womanly traits

♥ **emasculate** :

weaken; castrate

♥ **castrate** :

remove the sex organs (of a male animal or person)

♠ **effervescence** :

inner excitement or exuberance; showing high spirits; emitting bubbles forming inside; bubbling from fermentation or carbonation; ADJ. effervescent; V. effervesce

□ **effete** :

having lost one's original power; barren; worn out; exhausted

□ **efficacy** :

power to produce desired effect; ADJ. efficacious; effectual

□ **effigy** :

dummy; likeness of a person made of wood, paper, or stone; Ex. burn an effigy of the President

♥ **dummy** :

imitation of a real object used as a substitute; effigy

♠ **effluvium** :

noxious(harmful) smell

□ **effrontery** :

rudeness without any sense of shame; shameless boldness; presumptuousness; nerve; cheek

♥ **effulgent** :

shining brightly; brilliant

□ **effusion** :

pouring forth; unrestrained outpouring of feeling; V. effuse: pour out; ADJ. effusive: pouring forth; gushing

♥ **gush** :

(of liquid) pour out in large quantities from a hole; make an excessive display of feeling (without true feeling); Ex. Blood gushed from the wound.

□ **egoism** :

excessive interest in one's self; belief that one should be interested in one's self rather than in others; selfishness; ADJ. egoistic, egoistical

♥ **ego** :

one's opinion of oneself; self-esteem

□ **egotistical** :

egotistic; excessively self-centered(egocentric); self-important; conceited

♥ **egotism** :

tendency to speak or write of oneself excessively; conceit; self-importance

□ **egregious** :

notorious; conspicuously bad or shocking

♠ **egress** :

exit; opening for going out; act of going out; OP. ingress

♠ **ejaculation** :

exclamation; abrupt ejection (to discharge sperm); V. ejaculate

♠ **elaboration** :

addition of details; intricacy

♥ **elaborate** :

work out carefully; add more detail or information; ADJ.

□ **elated** :

filled with excited joy and pride; overjoyed; in high spirits; joyful and proud; Ex. elated crowd; V. elate; N. elation

♠ **elegy** :

poem or song expressing lamentation (for the dead); ADJ. elegiacal, elegiac

□ **elicit** :

draw out fact or information (by discussion or from someone)

♠ **elixir** :

cure-all; panacea; something invigorating

□ **ellipsis** :

omission of words from a text; mark used to indicate an omission (when the meaning can be understood without them); PL. ellipses

elliptical :

elliptic; oval; of an ellipse; containing an ellipsis; ambiguous either purposely or because key words have been left out

eloquence :

expressiveness; persuasive speech; ADJ. eloquent: movingly expressive; expressing ideas well so that the hearers can be influenced

elucidate :

explain; make clear; clarify; enlighten; CF. lucid

elusive :

evasive; not frank; baffling; hard to grasp, catch, or understand; V. elude: escape from; escape the understanding or grasp of; Ex. elude the hunter; Ex. His name eludes me.

♠ **elysian** :

relating to paradise; blissful

♡ **Elysium** :

place or condition of bliss

emaciated :

thin and wasted (from hunger or illness)

emanate :

issue forth; come out

emancipate :

set free; liberate

embargo :

ban on commerce or other activity

embark :

commence; go on board a boat; begin a journey

embed(imbed) :

enclose; place in something; fix firmly in a surrounding mass

embellish :

adorn; ornament; enhance as a story (by adding fictitious details)

embezzlement :

taking for one's own use in violation of trust; stealing (of money placed in one's care)

♡ **emblazon** :

ornament richly (a shield or flag); N. emblazonment

♡ **embody** :

give a bodily form to; incorporate; include

♠ **emboss** :

produce a design in raised relief; decorate with a raised design

embrace :

hug; clasp with the arms; adopt or espouse; accept readily; encircle; include; Ex. embrace the cause/socialism;

Ex. all-embracing; CF. brace; CF. bracelet

♡ **encircle** :

surround

embroider :

decorate with needlework; ornament (a story) with fancy or fictitious details; embellish

embroil :

throw into confusion; involve in strife, dispute, or quarrel; entangle; CF. imbroglio

embryonic :

undeveloped; rudimentary; N. embryo: organism in the early stage of development

emend :

correct (usually a text); N. emendation: correction of errors; improvement

♠ **emetic** :

substance causing vomiting; ADJ.

♠ **eminent** :

rising above others; high; lofty; distinguished; Ex. eminent position

emissary :

agent (sent on a mission to represent another); messenger

emollient :

soothing or softening remedy (for the skin); ADJ.

emolument :

salary; payment for an office; compensation

♠ **empathy** :

ability to identify with another's feelings, ideas, etc.; identification with and understanding of another's feelings;

V. empathize; CF. sympathy

♡ **compassion** :

sympathy for the suffering of others; ADJ. compassionate

empirical :

based on experience

♠ **emulate** :

imitate; rival; try to equal or excel (through imitation)

♠ **enamored** :

in love; Ex. enamored of his own beauty; V. enamor: inspire with love

encipher :

encode; convert a message into code; put into cipher

enclave :

territory enclosed within an alien land

encomiastic :

praising; eulogistic; N. encomium: very high praise; eulogy

encompass :

surround; include; Ex. His activities encompass publishing and computers.

encroachment :

gradual intrusion; Ex. I resent all these encroachments on my valuable time; V. encroach: take another's possessions or right gradually or stealthily; intrude; Ex. encroach on/upon

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encumber :

burden; N. encumbrance

♠ **endearment** :

fond word or act; expression of affection

♡ **endear** :

make beloved; Ex. endear her to everyone; ADJ. dear: loved; cherished; high-priced

endemic :

prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country; peculiar to a particular region or people; CF. pandemic

endorse :

approve; support; write one's signature on the back of; N. endorsement; CF. dorsal

endue :

provide with some quality; endow

enduring :

lasting; surviving; V. endure: bear (pain or suffering) for a long time; remain alive (in spite of difficulties); last; survive

energize :

invigorate; give energy to; make forceful and active

enervate :

weaken; take away energy from

enfranchise :

admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote); CF. franchise

♠ **engage** :

attract; employ; hire; pledge oneself; confront; fight; enter into conflict; interlock; lock together; participate;

N. engagement: agreement to marry; arrangement to meet someone or to do something; battle

engaging :

charming; attractive

♥ **engaged** :

employed; busy; betrothed; involved in conflict

□ **engender** :

cause; produce; give rise to

□ **engross** :

occupy fully; absorb

□ **enhance** :

increase; make greater (as in value, reputation, or usefulness); improve

□ **enigma** :

puzzle; mystery; ADJ. enigmatic: obscure; puzzling

♥ **puzzle** :

baffle or confuse by a difficult problem; ponder over a problem in an effort to solve; clarify or solve by reasoning;

Ex. puzzle out the answer; N.

□ **enjoin** :

command; order; forbid

□ **enmity** :

ill will; hatred; hostility

♠ **ennui** :

boredom; listlessness and dissatisfaction resulting from lack of interest; CF. annoy

□ **enormity** :

hugeness (in a bad sense); excessive wickedness; Ex. enormity of the crime; ADJ. enormous

♠ **enrapture** :

please intensely; fill with rapture and delight

♠ **ensconce** :

settle comfortably; place comfortably (in a secure place)

□ **ensue** :

follow (as a result)

□ **entail** :

make necessary; require; necessitate; involve; limit the inheritance of (property) to a specified succession of

heirs; Ex. entail A on/upon B

♠ **enterprising** :

full of initiative; showing enterprise

♥ **enterprise** :

willingness to take new ventures; initiative; business organization; plan (that is difficult or daring); Ex. their

latest enterprise to sail round the world in a small boat

□ **enthrall** :

capture; enslave; captivate; hold the complete attention of (as if magic); hold spellbound

□ **entice** :

lure; persuade to do (something wrong); attract; tempt

♥ **mischief** :

behavior (of children) causing trouble with no serious harm; damage; harm; Ex. mischief to the crops; ADJ.

mischievous: causing mischief; playfully troublesome

□ **entity** :

real being

□ **entomology** :

study of insects

♠ **entrance** :

put under a spell(condition caused by magical power); carry away(fill with strong feeling) with emotion; put

into a trance; fill with delight

♥ **trance** :

hypnotic state; ecstatic state; detachment from one's physical surrounding (as in contemplation or daydream-

ing); CF. transition

♥ **hypnosis** :

induced sleeping state; ADJ. hypnotic; V. hypnotize

□ **entreat** :

plead; ask earnestly

♠ **entree(entrée)** :

entrance; a way in; right to enter; main dish of a meal; Ex. entree into the exclusive circle

□ **entrepreneur** :

businessperson (who assumes the risk of a business venture); contractor; ADJ. entrepreneurial

□ **enumerate** :

list; mention one by one

♠ **enunciate** :

announce; proclaim; utter or speak, especially distinctly; pronounce clearly; articulate; Ex. This theory was first enunciated by him.

□ **environ** :

enclose; surround; N. environs: surrounding area (as of a city)

♠ **eon(aeon)** :

long period of time; an age; longest division of geologic time containing two or more eras

♠ **epaulet(epaulette)** :

ornament worn on the shoulder (of a uniform, etc.)

♥ **fringe** :

decorative edge of hanging threads; edge

□ **ephemeral** :

short-lived; fleeting

♥ **fleet** :

fast; rapid; N. ADJ. fleeting: passing quickly; ephemeral

□ **epic** :

long heroic poem, novel, or similar work of art (celebrating the feats of a hero); ADJ: (of stories or events)

resembling an epic; grand

□ **epicure** :

connoisseur of food and drink; gourmet; ADJ. epicurean; CF. Epicurus

♥ **Epicurean** :

believing that pleasure is good and suffering is bad and should be avoided; N.

♠ **epigram** :

witty thought or saying, usually short

□ **epilogue** :

short speech at conclusion of dramatic work

♠ **episodic** :

(of a story or play) loosely connected; made up of separate and loosely connected parts; N. episode: incident in the course of an experience

♠ **epistemologist** :

philosopher who studies the nature of knowledge; N. epistemology

♠ **epitaph** :

inscription in memory of a dead person (as on a tombstone)

♠ **epithet** :

word or phrase characteristically used to describe a person or thing; descriptive phrase to characterize a person

(often contemptuous)

□ **epitome** :

perfect example or embodiment; brief summary; Ex. epitome of good manners; V. epitomize: make an epitome of; be an epitome of; embody

□ **epoch** :

period of time

□ **equable** :

tranquil; of even calm temper; (of temperature) steady; uniform

□ **equanimity** :

calmness of temperament; composure

♠ **equestrian** :

rider on horseback; ADJ.

□ **equilibrium** :

balance of opposing forces; balance of the mind; equanimity

♠ **equine** :

resembling a horse; Ex. equine face

equinox :

period of equal days and nights; the beginning of spring and autumn; Ex. vernal/autumnal equinox; ADJ.
equinoctial

♠ **equipoise** :

balance; balancing force; equilibrium

equitable :

fair; impartial; OP. inequitable

equity :

fairness; justice; OP. inequity

♠ **equivocal** :

(of words or statements) ambiguous; intentionally misleading; (of behavior) questionable; OP. unequivocal

♠ **equivocate** :

use equivocal language to deceive people; lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth; N. equivocation

erode :

eat away; wear away gradually by abrasion; Ex. The sea erodes the rocks.

erotic :

pertaining to passionate love or sexual love

♠ **errant** :

wandering (esp. in search of adventure); straying from proper moral standards; Ex. knight-errant

♠ **erratic** :

odd; irregular in movement or behavior; unpredictable

erroneous :

mistaken; wrong; incorrect

erudite :

(of a person or book) learned; full of learning; scholarly; N. erudition

♡ **scholarly** :

full of learning; erudite; like a scholar; Ex. scholarly journal

escapade :

prank; flighty conduct; reckless adventure that disobeys rules

♡ **prank** :

mischievous trick

♡ **flighty** :

(esp. of a woman's behavior) capricious; often changing, esp. from one lover to another; impulsive

♠ **eschew** :

avoid habitually; Ex. eschew alcoholic drinks

♠ **esoteric** :

hard to understand; known only to the chosen few, esp. initiates; N. esoterica

espionage :

spying

♠ **espouse** :

adopt; support (an idea or aim); marry; N. espousal

esteem :

respect; value; judge; N.

♡ **estimable** :

(of a person) worthy of esteem; admirable; deserving esteem; possible to estimate

♡ **inestimable** :

impossible to estimate; (apprec) invaluable; of immeasurable worth

estranged :

separated; alienated; V. estrange: alienate (people in a family); N. estrangement

♠ **ethereal** :

like a spirit or fairy; unearthly light; heavenly; unusually refined; Ex. She has an ethereal beauty; CF. ether:
upper air

♡ **airy** :

of air; high in the air; lofty; immaterial; unreal

♠ **ethnic** :

relating to races

♠ **ethnology** :

study of humankind; study of the different races of human beings; CF. anthropology

♠ **ethos** :

underlying character of a culture, group, etc.; character or ideas peculiar to a specific person, group, or culture;

Ex. the company ethos

□ **etymology** :

study of word parts; study of the origins of words

□ **eugenic** :

pertaining to the improvement of race; N. eugenics: study of hereditary improvement of the human race

□ **eulogistic** :

praising; full of eulogy

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♠ **eulogy** :

expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death; V. eulogize

□ **euphemism** :

mild expression in place of an unpleasant one; ADJ. euphemistic

□ **euphony** :

sweet sound; ADJ. euphonious

♠ **euphoria** :

feeling of exaggerated or unfounded(ungrounded; baseless) well-being; feeling of great happiness or well-being
(when unreasonable); ADJ. euphoric

□ **euthanasia** :

mercy killing

□ **evanescent** :

fleeting; vanishing; soon disappearing; V. evanesce

♠ **evasive** :

not frank; trying to hide the truth; eluding; evading; V. evade: avoid (a duty or responsibility) or escape from by
deceit

□ **evince** :

show clearly

♠ **evenhanded** :

impartial; fair

□ **evocative** :

tending to call up (emotions, memories)

□ **evoke** :

call forth (memory or feeling); Ex. That old film evoked memories of my childhood; N. evocation

♠ **ewe** :

female sheep

♡ **ram** :

male sheep; V. strike or drive against with a heavy impact

□ **exacerbate** :

worsen; aggravate; embitter

♡ **embitter** :

make bitter; fill with painful or bitter feelings; make sad and angry; Ex. He was embittered by many disappointments.

□ **exacting** :

extremely demanding; Ex. exacting standard of safety

♡ **exact** :

demand and obtain by force; Ex. exact a promise from him; N. exaction

□ **exalt** :

raise in rank or dignity; praise highly; inspire; Ex. exalt the imagination; ADJ. exalted; N. exaltation

♠ **exasperate** :

curse; express abhorrence for; detest

□ **execute** :

vex; annoy or make angry (by testing the patience)

♠ **exceptionable** :

put into effect; carry out; kill as a lawful punishment; N. execution

♡ **executor** :

objectionable; likely to cause dislike; offensive; CF. unexceptionable: entirely acceptable

♡ **except** :

person designated to execute the terms of a will; 예술 작품의 제작자

♡ **executioner** :

exclude; N. exception: objection; exclusion; ADJ. exceptional: unusual; of unusually high quality

♠ **excerpt** :

person administering capital punishment

♡ **executive** :

selected passage (written or musical) taken from a longer work; V.

♠ **exchequer** :

person having administrative authority; one branch of government executing laws; ADJ: relating to executing

♡ **legislature** :

treasury; Ex. Chancellor of the exchequer

♡ **chancellor** :

legislating branch of government; CF. legislate: make laws

♡ **judiciary** :

legal official of high rank; CF. chancellery(chancellory): position of a chancellor

♡ **treasure** :

judicial branch of government

♠ **exegesis** :

keep as precious; cherish

□ **excise** :

explanation, especially of biblical(of the bible) passages

□ **exemplary** :

cut away; cut out; N: government tax on good produced and used inside a country; N. excision

□ **exclaim** :

serving as a model; outstanding; Ex. exemplary punishment/behavior; N. exemplar: typical example; model

□ **exemplify** :

cry out suddenly; N. exclamation; ADJ. exclamatory

♠ **excoriate** :

show by example; furnish an example; serve as an example of; Ex. His pictures exemplify that sort of painting.

□ **exempt** :

scold with biting harshness; censure strongly; strip the skin off

□ **exculpate** :

not subject to a duty or obligation; free from a duty; V.

□ **exertion** :

clear from blame or guilt

♠ **execrable** :

effort; expenditure of much physical work; V. exert oneself: make a great effort

♡ **exhale** :

very bad; detestable

□ **execrate** :

breathe out; OP: inhale

□ **exhilarating** :

invigorating and refreshing; cheering; V. exhilarate: make cheerful and excited; Ex. exhilarated by the ride in the sports car

♠ **exhort** :

urge (by strong argument or advice); Ex. The general exhorted his men to fight bravely; N. exhortation

♡ **urge** :

drive or force forward (by causing impulses); drive to take action; impel; entreat earnestly; Ex. urge horses; N: impulse that prompts action

♡ **urgent** :

compelling immediate action; pressing; persistent; importunate; Ex. urgent in his demands

□ **exhume** :

dig out of the ground; remove from a grave

♡ **coroner** :

public official who investigates any death thought to be of other than natural causes

□ **exigency** :

urgent situation; ADJ. exigent

□ **exiguous** :

small in amount; minute

♠ **existential** :

pertaining to existence; pertaining to the philosophy of existentialism

□ **exodus** :

departure (of a large number of people)

□ **exonerate** :

acquit; exculpate; free from blame or guilt

□ **exorbitant** :

(of costs or demands) excessive; exceeding reasonable bounds

□ **exorcise** :

drive out evil spirits

□ **exotic** :

not native; from another part of the world; strange; intriguingly unusual; Ex. exotic flower/dress

♡ **intrigue** :

make secret plans; plot; arouse the curiosity of; N: secret scheme; plot; secret love affair

♠ **expansive** :

(of a person) outgoing and sociable; broad and extensive; able to increase in size

♡ **outgoing** :

sociable; eager to mix socially with others

♠ **expatiate** :

talk at length; speak or write in detail

□ **expatriate** :

exile; someone who has withdrawn from his native land; V: exile; banish; leave one's country

□ **expedient** :

suitable (for a particular purpose although not necessarily morally correct); practical; politic(prudent); N: something expedient

□ **expedite** :

hasten; make go faster

♡ **expeditious** :

done with speed; quick; N. expedition

□ **expenditure** :

payment or expense; expending; something expended; output; Ex. receipt for the expenditure; Ex. expenditure of all the energy

□ **expertise** :

specialized knowledge (in a particular field); expert skill

□ **expiate** :

make amends for (a sin)

♠ **expletive** :

meaningless word; interjection; profane oath; swear-word

♡ **interjection** :

exclamation; Ex. "Ouch"

♥ **swear** :

vow; promise; use profane oaths; use offensive words

♥ **swear-word** :

word considered offensive; Ex. "bloody"

♥ **oath** :

solemn promise; blasphemous use of sacred words to express strong feelings; swear-word; Ex. "For Christ's sake"

□ **explicate** :

explain in detail; interpret; clarify; CF. explicable

□ **explicit** :

totally clear; definite; outspoken

□ **exploit** :

brave and successful act; deed or action, particularly a brave deed; CF. crossing the Atlantic ocean

□ **exploit** :

make use of, sometimes unjustly; N. exploitation

□ **expository** :

explanatory; serving to explain; N. exposition: explaining; exhibition

♠ **expostulation** :

protest; remonstrance; reasoning with someone to correct or dissuade; V. expostulate

□ **exposure** :

risk, particularly of being exposed to disease or to the elements; unmasking; act of laying something open; Ex. exposure of governmental corruption

□ **expound** :

explain

♠ **expropriate** :

take possession of (often for public use and without payment)

♠ **expunge** :

cancel; remove a word or name (from a book or list); erase

□ **expurgate** :

clean; remove offensive parts of a book

□ **extant** :

(of something written or painted) still in existence

□ **extemporaneous** :

not planned; impromptu; extempore

♠ **extenuate** :

weaken; mitigate; lessen the seriousness of (bad behavior)

□ **extirpate** :

root up; uproot; destroy completely

♠ **extol** :

praise very highly; glorify

□ **extort** :

wring from; get money by threats, etc.; obtain by force or threats; CF. extortionate: exorbitant

♥ **wring** :

twist (to extract liquid); extract by twisting; wrench painfully (necks or hands)

♠ **extradition** :

surrender of prisoner by one state to another; Ex. extradition treaty; V. extradite

♠ **extraneous** :

not essential; irrelevant; superfluous; external; coming from the outside; Ex. extraneous details/noise/to the subject

♠ **extrapolation** :

projection; conjecture; V. extrapolate: infer (unknown information) from known information

□ **extricate** :

free from an entanglement or difficulty; disentangle

♥ **inextricable** :

from which it is impossible to get free; that cannot be untied; Ex. inextricable troubles; Ex. inextricable two histories

extrinsic :

external; not essential or inherent; extraneous; OP. intrinsic

extrovert :

person interested mostly in external objects and actions

♥ **mingle** :

mix together in close association

♠ **extrude** :

force or push out; thrust out; shape (plastic or metal) by forcing through a die

♠ **exuberance** :

overflowing abundance; joyful enthusiasm; flamboyance; lavishness; ADJ. exuberant: high-spirited and lively; growing abundantly and strongly

♥ **glow** :

shine brightly without a flame (as of eyes or metals); show redness and heat (in the face) after hard work or because of strong feelings; N: light produced by a heated body; brilliance of a color

♠ **exude** :

flow out slowly; discharge (gradually); give forth; N. exudation

♥ **ooze** :

(of a thick liquid) pass or flow slowly; N: mud or thick liquid as at the bottom of a river

exult :

rejoice

fabricate :

build; lie; make up (a story) in order to deceive; Ex. fabricate the whole story; CF. fabric: underlying structure; Ex. fabric of society

♠ **facade(façade)** :

front or face (of building); superficial or false appearance

facet :

small plane surface (of a gem/precious stone); a side

♠ **facetious** :

joking (often inappropriately); unserious; humorous

♠ **facile** :

easily accomplished; ready or fluent; superficial; not deep; Ex. facile solution to a complex problem; Ex. facile speaker; N. facility: ability to do something easily and well; ease in doing resulting from skill or aptitude; something that facilitates an action; amenity; Ex. with great facility

facilitate :

help bring about; make less difficult

facsimile :

copy

♠ **faction** :

party; clique (within a large group); dissension

♥ **dissension** :

disagreement of opinions causing strife within a group

♠ **factious** :

inclined to form factions; causing dissension

♠ **factitious** :

artificial; produced artificially; sham; false; Ex. factitious tears

♠ **factotum** :

handyman; person who does all kinds of work; CF. do everything

faculty :

mental or bodily powers; teaching staff

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fallacious :

false; based on a fallacy; misleading; N. fallacy: false idea or notion; false reasoning; Ex. popular fallacy; Ex. fallacy of the argument

fallible :

liable to err

♥ **falsify** :

make (something written) false by changing

♠ **fallow** :

(of land) plowed but not sowed (to improve the quality); uncultivated

♥ **sow** :

plant or scatter seed

♠ **falter** :

hesitate; weaken in purpose or action; walk or move unsteadily through weakness; N.

♥ **stumble** :

trip and almost fall; proceed unsteadily; act falteringlly; N.

□ **fanaticism** :

excessive zeal; extreme devotion to a belief or cause; N. fanatic; ADJ. fanatic

□ **fancied** :

imagined; unreal

♠ **fancier** :

breeder or dealer of animals; one who has a special interest, as for raising specific plant or animal

♠ **fanciful** :

whimsical; visionary; imaginary; produced by imagination; Ex. fanciful scheme

♥ **fancy** :

imagination (of a whimsical or fantastic nature); capricious liking; V: imagine; be fond of; ADJ. decorative; elaborate

♠ **fanfare** :

call by bugles or trumpets; showy display; spectacular public display

♠ **farce** :

broad comedy; mockery; humorous play full of silly things happening; ADJ. farcical

♠ **fastidious** :

difficult to please; squeamish; fussy; finicky

♥ **squeamish** :

easily shocked or sickened by unpleasant things; fastidious; Ex. A nurse should not be squeamish.

♠ **fatalism** :

belief that events are determined by forces or fates beyond one's control; ADJ. fatalistic; CF. fatal: causing death

□ **fathom** :

comprehend; investigate; determine the depth of; N. unit of measurement for the depth of water

♥ **fathomless** :

too deep to be measured or understood; unfathomable

♠ **fatuous** :

smugly and unconsciously foolish; inane; silly; N. fatuity, fatuousness

□ **fauna** :

animals of a period or region; CF. flora

♠ **fawning** :

courting favor by cringing and flattering; V. fawn: exhibit affection as a dog; seek favor or attention by obsequiousness

♥ **court** :

attempt to gain; seek; woo; risk; behave so as to invite; attempt to gain the favor of by attention; Ex. court disaster

♠ **faze** :

disconcert; dismay; embarrass

□ **feasible** :

practical; able to be carried out; practicable

♠ **febrile** :

feverish

♠ **fecundity** :

fertility; fruitfulness; ADJ. fecund: very productive of crops or young

♥ **fertile** :

producing many young, fruits, or seeds; (of land) producing good crops; V. fertilize

♥ **fruitful** :

producing results; profitable; prolific; producing in abundance

□ **feign** :

pretend

♠ **feint** :

trick; shift; sham blow; feigned attack to draw away defensive action; V.

♥ **shift** :

change position or place; exchange (one thing) for another; change in direction or position; Ex. shift the stolen goods; N. group of workers which takes turns with other groups; working period of such a group

♠ **felicitous** :

(of a word or remark) apt; suitably expressed; well chosen

♠ **felicity** :

happiness; appropriateness (of a remark, choice, etc.); quality of being felicitous

♥ **feline** :

of a member of the cat family; N.

♠ **fell** :

cruel; (of a disease) deadly

♠ **fell** :

cut or knock down (a tree or a person); bring down (with a missile)

□ **felon** :

person convicted of a grave crime; CF. felony: serious crime

♠ **feral** :

(of an animal) not domestic; wild

♠ **ferment** :

agitation; commotion (noisy and excited activity); unrest (of a political kind); V. produce by fermentation; undergo fermentation; cause (a state of trouble)

♥ **fermentation** :

chemical reaction that splits complex organic compounds; unrest; agitation

♠ **ferret** :

drive or hunt out of hiding; hunt with ferrets; drive out (as from a hiding place); expel; uncover or discover by searching; Ex. ferret out the secret; N. small fierce animal which catches rats and rabbits by going into their holes

♠ **fervent** :

ardent; zealous; hot

♠ **fervid** :

ardent; zealous; hot

♥ **impassioned** :

(of speech) filled with passion; fervent

♠ **fervor** :

glowing ardor; intensity of feeling; quality of being fervent or fervid; zeal; intense heat

♠ **fester** :

rankle; produce irritation or resentment; (of a cut or wound) generate pus or rot; Ex. His insult festered in my mind for days.

□ **festive** :

joyous; celebratory; relating to a feast or festival

♠ **fete(fête)** :

honor at a festival; celebrate or honor with a feast; N. (outdoor) festival or feast; CF. feast

♠ **fetid(foetid)** :

malodorous; foul

♥ **foul** :

very bad or disagreeable; very dirty; Ex. foul smell/flavor/temper/language/air/deed/weather/means; N. act against the rules; V. make or become foul; commit a foul

♥ **fetish(fetich)** :

object believed to have spiritual powers; object of excessive attention or reverence; CF. fetishism

♠ **fetter** :

shackle; restrict the freedom of; N. chain or shackle for the foot of a prisoner; CF. foot

♠ **fiasco** :

total failure; CF. bottle

♠ **fiat** :

command; arbitrary order; Ex. presidential fiat; CF. let it be done

□ **fickle** :

changeable (in affections or friendship); faithless

♠ **fictitious** :

imaginary; non-existent; purposely invented to deceive; untrue; Ex. fictitious name/boyfriend; CF. fictional

□ **fidelity** :

loyalty; accuracy

♠ **figment** :

invention; something invented; imaginary thing; Ex. figment of your imagination

□ **figurative** :

not literal but metaphorical; using a figure(impression) of speech

♥ **figure** :

written symbols; number; amount represented in numbers; outline or silhouette of a thing or human body; person (well-known); impression; diagram; pattern; group in a dance; Ex. figure of speech; V. calculate with numbers; adorn with figures; appear; consider; Ex. My name did not figure in the list.

♠ **figurine** :

small ornamental statuette(very small statue)

♠ **filch** :

steal (things of small value)

♥ **pilfer** :

steal things of small value; filch; snitch

♠ **filial** :

pertaining to or befitting a son or daughter; Ex. filial respect

♠ **filibuster** :

block legislation or prevent action in a lawmaking body by making very slow long speeches; N; freebooter

♥ **freebooter** :

pirate or plunderer who makes war in order to grow rich

♥ **bust** :

piece of sculpture showing a person's head, shoulders, and upper chest; V: break up; arrest; Ex. crimebuster

♠ **filigree** :

delicate ornamental lacelike metalwork

♥ **lace** :

cord used to draw and tie together two opposite edges (as of a shoe); delicate fabric made of fine threads; V: draw together by tying a lace

♠ **filing** :

particle removed by a file

□ **finale** :

conclusion; concluding part

♠ **finesse** :

delicate skill; V: handle with finesse

♠ **finicky** :

too particular; fussy; difficult to please; too concerned with unimportant details or quality; Ex. finicky about her food

♥ **fussy** :

fastidious; finicky; easily upset

♥ **fuss** :

trouble or worry over trifles; make nervous; pay too much attention to; N: needless concern or worry (about a trivial thing); anxious nervous condition; display of attention; Ex. make a fuss over the baby

□ **finite** :

limited

♠ **firebrand** :

piece of burning wood; hothead; troublemaker; person who stirs up trouble

♥ **hothead** :

person who does things too quickly without thinking; ADJ. hotheaded

□ **fissure** :

crevice; crack

♠ **fitful** :

spasmodic; intermittent; irregular

♥ **fit** :

sudden outburst of an illness or feeling; convulsion caused by epilepsy

♠ **flaccid** :

flabby; lacking firmness; weak; Ex. flaccid muscles

♥ **limp** :

walk lamely; ADJ: lacking firmness; weak

♠ **flag** :

droop; grow feeble; decline in vigor or strength; ADJ. flagging; CF. unflagging

♥ **droop** :

bend or hang downward; become weakened; Ex. His shoulders drooped with tiredness; N.

□ **flagrant** :

conspicuously wicked, bad, or offensive; blatant; outrageous

□ **outrage** :

act of extreme violence or viciousness; resentful anger; V: commit an outrage on; produce anger in; ADJ. outrageous; offensive

♠ **flail** :

beat with or as if with a flail; move wildly; thresh grain by hand; strike or slap; toss about; N: threshing tool consisting of a stick swinging from the end of a long handle

♥ **thresh** :

beat (cereal plants) with a machine or flail to separate the grains from the straw

♥ **toss** :

throw lightly; move or lift (the head) with a sudden motion; flip (a coin) to decide something

♠ **flair** :

talent

♠ **flamboyant** :

ornate; highly elaborate; richly colored; ostentatious; showy; CF. flame

♠ **flaunt** :

display ostentatiously; Ex. "Honey, if you've got it, flaunt it!"

♠ **flay** :

strip off skin; plunder; remove the skin from; criticize harshly

♠ **fleck** :

spot; mark with flecks; N: small mark or spot

♠ **fledgling(fledgeling)** :

inexperienced; N: young bird that has acquired wing feathers and is learning to fly; inexperienced person

♠ **fleece** :

wool coat of a sheep; V: shear the fleece from; rob by a trick; swindle; plunder

♥ **shear** :

remove (fleece or hair) by cutting; remove the hair or fleece from; cut with or as if with shears; N: shears; pair of scissors

♥ **trickster** :

person who cheats people

♠ **flick** :

light stroke as with a whip; V: move with a light quick blow; strike with a light quick blow (as from a whip); Ex. flick the switch

♥ **flicker** :

burn unsteadily or fitfully; move waveringly; N: flickering movement or light; brief sensation; Ex. flicker of excitement

♥ **flutter** :

(of a bird with large wings) wave (the wings) lightly, rapidly, and irregularly; vibrate rapidly or erratically; fly by waving quickly; flitter; N.

♠ **flinch** :

hesitate; shrink back (in fear of something unpleasant); Ex. She did not flinch in the face of danger.

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♠ **flippant** :

lacking proper seriousness; Ex. flippant remarks about death; N. flippancy

♡ **flip** :

send (something) spinning, often into the air, by striking with a light quick blow; turn over; Ex. flip over

♠ **flit** :

fly; fly or move lightly or quickly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by; Ex. a bee flitting from flower to flower

♠ **floe** :

flat mass of floating ice

□ **flora** :

plants of a region or era

♡ **florescence** :

condition or period of flowering

♠ **florid** :

ruddy; (of a complexion) reddish; flowery; very ornate; CF. rose

♡ **flush** :

redden; blush; flow suddenly and abundantly; wash out by a rapid brief flow of water; N: reddish tinge; blush; brief rush; rush of strong feeling; Ex. flush of pride; ADJ: having surfaces in the same plane; even; blushing

♡ **blush** :

become red in the face (from embarrassment or shame); become red or rosy; N.

♡ **tinge** :

give a slight degree of a color or quality to; N: slight degree of a color or quality; Ex. tinged with grey /jealousy

♡ **tint** :

slight degree of color; V: give a tint to

♡ **flowery** :

full of flowers; full of ornate expressions

♠ **flotsam** :

drifting wreckage

♡ **jetsam** :

things thrown from a ship (to lighten the ship)

♠ **flounder** :

struggle and thrash about; proceed clumsily or falter (as in water, mud, snow, etc.); proceed in confusion

♡ **thrash** :

beat with a whip or flail; defeat utterly; talk about thoroughly in order to find the answer; move wildly or violently; Ex. The fishes thrashed about in the net.

□ **flourish** :

grow well; prosper; make sweeping gestures; wave; brandish; Ex. The trees flourished in the sun. N: showy movement or gesture; embellishment or ornamentation (esp. in handwriting)

♠ **flout** :

reject; mock; show contempt for; scorn; Ex. flout the rules

♡ **curb** :

chain or strap used with a bit to restrain a horse; something that checks; V: check; restrain

□ **fluctuate** :

waver; shift; rise and fall as if in waves; change or vary irregularly

□ **fluency** :

smoothness of speech; ADJ. fluent

♠ **fluke** :

unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune; accidental stroke of good luck; ADJ. fluky

♠ **fluster** :

confuse; make nervous and confused; N.

♠ **fluted** :

having vertical parallel grooves (as in a pillar); V. flute: make long parallel inward curves in; N. flute: long rounded groove incised on the shaft of a column

♥ **groove** :

long narrow channel made in a surface to guide the movement of something; Ex. groove of the record

♥ **stammer** :

speak with involuntarily pauses or repetitions

♠ **flux** :

flowing; series of changes; fluctuation; Ex. in a state of flux

♠ **fodder** :

coarse food for cattle, horses, etc.; feed for livestock; CF. food

♠ **foible** :

small weakness of character; slight fault; CF. feeble

♠ **foil** :

contrast; one that by contrast enhances the distinctive characteristics of another

♠ **foil** :

defeat; frustrate; prevent from being successful; thwart; CF. fail

♠ **foist** :

insert improperly; impose upon another by coercion; palm off; pass off as genuine or worthy; CF. fist

♥ **palm** :

conceal in the palm of the hand; palm off; pass off; Ex. palm off some bad oranges onto the lady/the painting as a real Renoir

♥ **pass off** :

present falsely; represent falsely to be

♠ **foliage** :

masses of leaves; CF. defoliate

♠ **foment** :

stir up; incite; instigate; promote the growth of (something evil or unpleasant)

♠ **foolhardy** :

rash; reckless; foolishly daring

♠ **foppish** :

vain about dress and appearance; N. fop: man who takes too much interest in his clothes and appearance

♠ **foray** :

raid; sudden raid or military advance; V.

♠ **forbearance** :

patience; forgiveness; V. forbear: refrain from (in a generous and forgiving way); be patient; Ex. forbear to send him to prison

♠ **ford** :

place where a river can be crossed on foot; V.

♠ **forebears(forbears)** :

ancestors

□ **foreboding** :

premonition of evil; feeling of coming evil; V. forebode: be a warning of (something unpleasant)

♠ **forensic** :

suitable to debate or courts of law; of or used in legal proceedings and the tracking of criminals; Ex. forensic science/medicine

♥ **forum** :

public square of an ancient Roman city; public place for open discussion; court of law

□ **foreshadow** :

give an indication beforehand; be a sign of (what is coming); portend; prefigure

♥ **prefigure** :

be a sign of; foreshadow

♥ **forerunner** :

predecessor; one that comes before and indicates the approach of another

□ **foresight** :

ability to foresee future happenings; prudence in providing for the future

□ **forestall** :

prevent by taking action in advance

♥ **nuptial** :

of marriage or the wedding ceremony; N; nuptials; wedding ceremony

♥ **forfeit** :

something surrendered as punishment for a crime or breach of contract; V: lose as a forfeit; N: forfeiture

♥ **forge** :

counterfeit; reproduce fraudulently; form by heating in a forge and hammering into shape; move with a sudden increase of speed or power; Ex. forged ahead in the last two years; N: furnace where metals are heated

□ **forgo(forego)** :

give up; do without

□ **forlorn** :

sad and lonely; wretched; desolate

□ **formality** :

ceremonious quality; ceremonious adherence to rules; something done just for form's sake; Ex. mere formality

□ **formidable** :

menacing; arousing fear; threatening; difficult to defeat; Ex. formidable foe/question

♥ **menace** :

threat; V: threaten

♠ **forsake** :

desert; abandon; renounce

♠ **forswear** :

renounce under oath; abandon; make a solemn promise to give up; CF. abjure

□ **forte** :

strong point or special talent in a person's character

♠ **forthright** :

straightforward; direct; frank

♥ **forthcoming** :

happening in the near future; ready; willing to help; Ex. No answer was forthcoming.

□ **fortitude** :

bravery; courage; strength of mind

♠ **fortuitous** :

accidental; by chance; N. fortuity

♠ **foster** :

rear; bring up (for a certain period only); encourage; promote the development of (feelings or ideas); Ex. help foster friendly relations; ADJ: giving parental care although not related by blood; Ex. foster parents

♠ **founder** :

fail completely; sink; CF. flounder

□ **founder** :

person who establishes (an organization or business)

♠ **fracas** :

brawl(noisy quarrel or fight) in which a number of people take part; melee

♠ **fractious** :

unruly; peevish; cranky; bad-tempered; Ex. fractious horse

□ **frail** :

weak; N. frailty

□ **franchise** :

right or privilege granted by authority; right to vote; license to sell a product in a particular territory

♠ **frantic** :

wild; distraught as from fear or worry; Ex. frantic with fear

□ **fraudulent** :

cheating; deceitful; Ex. fraudulent means; N. fraud: deception; swindle

♠ **fraught** :

filled (with something unpleasant); full; Ex. fraught with danger and difficulties; CF. freight

♠ **fray** :

brawl; fight; V: wear away or unravel by rubbing; have loose threads developing; cause to become worn out (a person's temper or nerves); CF: rub

♠ **frenetic(phrenetic)** :

frenzied; frantic

♠ **frenzied** :

madly excited; N: frenzy: violent wild excitement

♠ **fresco** :

painting on wet plaster (usually fresh)

♡ **paste** :

smooth viscous mixture as of flour(powder made by crushing grain) and water (used as an adhesive); V: cause to adhere by applying paste

♡ **pastry** :

paste of flour and water (eaten when baked)

♡ **plaster** :

paste that hardens to a smooth solid and is used for coating walls; V:

♠ **fret** :

be annoyed or vexed; Ex. fret over your poor grades; N: irritation of mind; ADJ. fretful

□ **friction** :

clash or conflict in opinion; rubbing against

♠ **frieze** :

ornamental horizontal band on a wall

□ **frigid** :

intensely cold; cold in manner; Ex. frigid zone

♠ **fritter** :

waste (time or money on unimportant things)

□ **frivolous** :

lacking in seriousness; flippant; self-indulgently carefree; unworthy of serious attention; relatively unimportant; trivial

♡ **self-indulgence** :

excessive indulgence of one's own desire

♡ **carefree** :

free from worries; having no problems

♠ **frolicsome** :

prankish; gay; playful; merry; frisky

♡ **frolic** :

play and jump about happily; frisk; Ex. frolicking young lambs

♠ **frond** :

fern leaf; palm or banana leaf

♡ **litter** :

waste material thrown away (as bits of paper scattered untidily); V: cover untidily with scattered litter

♠ **fructify** :

bear fruit; produce fruit

□ **frugality** :

thrift; economy; ADJ. frugal: practicing economy; costing little; inexpensive

□ **fruition** :

bearing of fruit; fulfillment; realization; Ex. come to/be brought to fruition

□ **frustrate** :

thwart; defeat; prevent from accomplishing a purpose

□ **fugitive** :

fleeting or transitory; lasting only a short time; roving(wandering); running away or fleeing as from the law; N: one who flees; Ex. fugitives at large

♠ **fulcrum** :

support on which a lever rests or pivots

♠ **fulminate** :

thunder; explode; issue a severe denunciation

♠ **fulsome** :

disgustingly excessive; offensively flattering; Ex. fulsome praise/expressions of admire

□ **fumble** :

move the fingers and hands awkwardly (in search of something); mishandle or drop a ball that is in play; bungle; botch; spoil by mishandling; N.

♠ **functionary** :

official (who performs a particular function)

♥ **functional** :

made for practical use only (without decoration); functioning; Ex. functional modern furniture; CF. functionalism

□ **fundamental** :

basic; primary; essential

♠ **funereal** :

sad; solemn; suitable for a funeral

♠ **furor** :

frenzy; great anger and excitement; CF. fury

♠ **furtive** :

stealthy; quiet and secret (trying to escape notice); sneaky; Ex. furtive glance

♥ **sneak** :

move, give, or take in a quiet, stealthy way; N: one who sneaks; ADJ. sneaky

♥ **underhand(underhanded)** :

done slyly and secretly (being dishonest)

♥ **sly** :

clever in deceiving; secretive; not telling one's intentions

♠ **fusillade** :

simultaneous firing or outburst (of missiles, questions, etc.)

□ **fusion** :

union; coalition; V. fuse

□ **futile** :

useless; hopeless; ineffectual

♠ **gadfly** :

animal-biting fly; irritating person

♠ **gaffe** :

social blunder

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♠ **gainsay** :

deny

♠ **gait** :

manner of walking or running; speed

□ **galaxy** :

large isolated system of stars, such as the Milky Way; collection of brilliant personalities

□ **gale** :

windstorm; gust of wind; emotional outburst (laughters, tears); Ex. gale of laughter

♠ **gall** :

bitterness of feeling; nerve; effrontery; 담즙(bile); CF. gall bladder

♠ **gall** :

annoy; exasperate; chafe; N: skin sore caused by rubbing (as on the skin of a horse); exasperation

□ **galleon** :

large three-masted sailing ship

♥ **galley** :

low ship with sails (rowed along by slaves)

♥ **clipper** :

sailing vessel built for great speed

♥ **pinnacle** :

small boat

♥ **clip** :

cut off with shears; fasten; N: something clipped off (as a short extract from film); clasp or fastener

♠ **galvanize** :

stimulate or shock by an electric current; stimulate by shock; shock into action; stir up; coat with rust-resistant zinc by using electricity

♥ **galvanic** :

of the production of electricity by the action of an acid on a metal; having the effect of an electric shock; Ex. galvanic cell; galvanic effect; CF. Luigi Galvani

♠ **gambit** :

opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed; action made to produce a future advantage

♥ **ploy** :

strategem to gain an advantage; tactic; Ex. management ploy

♠ **gambol** :

romp; skip about; leap about playfully; frolic; N.

♥ **romp** :

play or frolic boisterously; gambol; N.

♥ **zest** :

outer skin of an orange used for giving a special taste to food; spice; interest; flavor; spirited enjoyment; Ex. add a certain zest to the affair; Ex. zest for life

♠ **gamely** :

in a spirited manner; with courage; Ex. fight gamely against a superior boxer; ADJ. game

♠ **gamut** :

entire range

♠ **gape** :

open widely; open the mouth wide; stare wonderingly with the mouth open; CF. agape

♠ **garbled** :

mixed up; jumbled; distorted; V. garble: mix up or distort (a message) to such an extent as to make misleading or unintelligible

♥ **jumble** :

mix in a confused way

♠ **gargantuan** :

huge; enormous; gigantic; CF. the hero of Gargantua and Pantagruel

□ **gargoyle** :

waterspout carved in grotesque figures on a building

♠ **garish** :

overbright in color; unpleasantly bright; gaudy

♥ **trim** :

make neat or tidy by clipping; reduce by removing what is unnecessary; ornament; decorate (round the edges); Ex. trim the cost; Ex. jacket trimmed with fur; N. ADJ: tidy; in good order

♠ **garner** :

gather; store up; amass

♠ **garnish** :

decorate; add a garnish to; decorate (food or drink) with small items such as lemon slices; N.

♠ **garrulous** :

loquacious; wordy; talkative; N. garrulity

♠ **gastronomy** :

art and science of preparing and serving good food; CF. gastronome

□ **gauche** :

clumsy (in social behavior); coarse and uncouth

♠ **gaudy** :

flashy; showy

♥ **flashy** :

showy; gaudy; giving a momentary brilliance

♥ **gild** :

cover with a thin layer of gold

♠ **gaunt** :

lean and angular; thin and bony; emaciated; barren

♠ **gavel** :

hammerlike tool; mallet(wooden hammer) used by a presiding officer or an auctioneer; V.

♡ **bid** :

command; utter (a greeting); offer as a price; N: offer of a price; amount offered; earnest effort to gain something;
Ex. bid for freedom

♠ **gawk** :

stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed awe

♠ **gazette** :

official periodical publication; newspaper

□ **genealogy** :

record of descent; lineage; ancestry; study of ancestry

□ **generality** :

vague statement; general statement which is not detailed; quality of being general; greater part; most; Ex. generality of people

□ **generate** :

cause; produce; create

□ **generic** :

characteristic of an entire class or species; of a genus

♡ **genus** :

division of animals or plants, below a family and above a species

□ **genesis** :

beginning; origin

♠ **geniality** :

cheerfulness; kindness; sympathy; ADJ. genial: cheerful and good-tempered

□ **genre** :

particular variety of art or literature

♠ **genteel** :

well-bred; elegant; striving to convey an appearance of refinement; Ex. genteel poverty

♠ **gentility** :

those of gentle birth; high social class; refinement; quality of being genteel

♡ **breed** :

produce young; rear; bring up; produce (an undesirable condition); N: kind or sort of animal or plant

♡ **crossbreed** :

hybridize; N: hybrid; CF. interbreed; CF. inbreed

♡ **well-bred** :

of good upbringing; well-mannered and refined

♠ **gentry** :

people of standing(rank or position); people of good family or high social position; class of people just below nobility

♡ **gentle** :

kindly; soft; mild; of good family

♠ **genueflect** :

bend the knee as in worship

□ **germane** :

pertinent; bearing upon(having connection with) the case at hand; appropriate

♠ **germinal** :

pertaining to a germ; creative; Ex. germinal idea

♡ **germ** :

earliest form of an organism; seed or bud; something that may develop into something larger or more important; microbe

□ **germinate** :

cause to sprout; sprout

♡ **sprout** :

begin to grow; give off shoots or buds; N: new growth on a plant; shoot

♥ **shoot** :

new growth from a plant

□ **gerontocracy** :

government ruled by old people

♥ **gerontology** :

study of the sociological phenomena associated with old age

♥ **geriatrics** :

medical treatment and care of old age

♠ **gerrymander** :

change voting district lines in order to favor a political party; N. CF. Elbridge Gerry + (sala)mander

♠ **gestate** :

evolve as in prenatal growth; N. gestation: period of development from conception until birth

♥ **natal** :

connected with birth; CF. prenatal; CF. postnatal

♠ **gesticulation** :

motion; gesture; V. gesticulate: make gestures (while speaking)

♠ **ghastly** :

horrible; terrifying; resembling ghosts; CF. aghast

♠ **gibberish** :

nonsense; nonsensical or unintelligible talk or writing; babbling

♠ **gibe** :

mock; make jeering remarks; N: jeering remarks

♠ **giddy** :

light-hearted; not serious; frivolous; dizzy; causing dizziness; Ex. giddy youth; Ex. giddy climb/height

♠ **gingerly** :

very carefully; ADJ.

♠ **girth** :

distance around something; circumference

♠ **gist** :

essence; main point; substance

□ **glacial** :

like a glacier; of an ice age; extremely cold; Ex. glacial epoch; CF. iceberg

♠ **glaring** :

(of something bad) highly conspicuous; harshly bright; shining intensely and blindingly

♥ **glare** :

shine intensely and blindingly; stare fixedly and angrily; N.

♠ **glaze** :

cover with a thin and shiny surface; apply a glaze to; N: thin, smooth, shiny coating (as for pottery); Ex. unglazed pottery

♠ **glean** :

gather leavings; gather grain left behind by reapers; gather bit by bit (facts or information) often with difficulty

□ **glib** :

fluent (with insincerity or superficiality); facile; slick

♥ **slick** :

make smooth or glossy; N: smooth surface; Ex. oil slick; ADJ: smooth; glossy; deftly executed; adroit; glib

♥ **sleek** :

smooth and shining (as from good health); V.

♠ **glimmer** :

shine erratically; twinkle; N: dim or unsteady light; faint indication; Ex. glimmer of hope

♥ **glitter** :

shine brightly with flashing points of light; Ex. glittering diamond ring; N: sparkling light; attractiveness; glamor; Ex. glitter of the sun on the waves

♥ **glamor** :

compelling charm; ADJ. glamorous

♠ **gloat** :

express evil satisfaction; look at or think about with evil satisfaction; view malevolently; Ex. The thief gloated over the stolen jewels.

♠ **gloss over** :

explain away with the intention of deceiving or hiding faults

♡ **gloss** :

brief explanation note or translation of a difficult expression; V.

□ **glossary** :

brief explanation of words used in the text

♠ **glossy** :

smooth and shining; N. gloss: shiny brightness on a surface; superficially attractive appearance; Ex. gloss of good manners

♡ **mat** :

not shiny; matte; having a dull finish; N: flat piece of material used as a floor covering; V.

♡ **finish** :

surface texture; completeness of execution

♡ **finished** :

properly made and complete; Ex. finished product/performance

♠ **glower** :

scowl; glare; look or stare angrily

♡ **scowl** :

frown angrily; N: angry frown

♠ **glut** :

overstock; fill beyond capacity (with food); fill to excess; N: oversupply

♠ **glutinous** :

sticky; viscous; gluey

□ **glutton** :

someone who eats too much; ADJ. gluttonous: given to gluttony; greedy; CF. gluttony: habit of eating too much

♠ **gnarled** :

twisted

♡ **gnarl** :

protruding knot on a tree; V.

□ **gnome** :

dwarf; underground spirit who guards treasure hoards

□ **goad** :

urge on; drive with a goad; cause (someone) to do something by continued annoyance; Ex. They goaded him into doing it by saying he was a coward; N: sharp-pointed stick for driving cattle; stimulus; CF. annoy continually

♠ **gorge** :

narrow canyon; steep rocky cleft; ravine (made by a stream which runs through it)

♠ **gorge** :

stuff oneself (with food); glut; CF. gorgeous: dazzlingly beautiful

♠ **gory** :

bloody; N. gore: blood (from a wound)

♡ **shudder** :

shake uncontrollably; tremble; V.

♠ **gossamer** :

sheer; very light; like cobwebs; N: soft and sheer fabric; cobweb

♡ **sheer** :

pure; thin and transparent; very steep

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♠ **gouge** :

tear out; cut out (as if with a gouge); Ex. gouge his eyes out; N: chisel for cutting out hollow areas in wood

♠ **gouge** :

overcharge (with high price); extort from; Ex. gouge the public; CF. usury

♠ **gourmand** :

epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure in food and drink

♠ **gourmet** :

connoisseur of food and drink; epicure

graduated :

arranged by degrees (of height, difficulty, etc.)

♡ **graduate** :

arrange into categories or grades; divide into marked intervals (for use in measurement); Ex. graduated ruler

♠ **granary** :

storehouse for grain

grandeur :

impressiveness; stateliness; majesty

♡ **stately** :

formal; ceremonious; grand in style or size; majestic

grandiloquent :

(of a person or speech) using high sounding or important-sounding language; pompous; bombastic

grandiose :

affectedly grand; pretentious; high-flown; ridiculously exaggerated; impressive; great in size or scope; grand;
Ex. grandiose ideas

♡ **high-flown** :

highly pretentious or inflated

♡ **matinée(matinee)** :

dramatic or musical performance given in the afternoon

♠ **granulate** :

form into grains or granules; N. granule: grain or particle

graphic :

pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described

♡ **vivid** :

(of light or color) bright and distinct; evoking lifelike mental images; Ex. vivid red hair/description

♡ **graphite** :

black form of carbon used in lead pencils

♠ **grapple** :

wrestle; come to grips with; take hold of and struggle with; Ex. grapple with the burglar

♠ **grate** :

make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; shred by rubbing against a rough surface; Ex. grated cheese N:
framework of metal bars to hold fuel in a fireplace

gratify :

please; satisfy; Ex. gratify a desire

♠ **gratis** :

free; without charge; ADJ.

gratuitous :

given freely; unwarranted; uncalled for; done without good reason; Ex. gratuitous comment

gratuity :

tip

gravity :

seriousness; ADJ. grave

gregarious :

sociable; (of an animal) tending to form a group

grievance :

cause of complaint; complaint

♠ **grill** :

question severely; cook on a grill; broil; N: cooking surface of parallel metal bars

♡ **broil** :

cook by direct heat; N.

♥ **grim** :

causing great fear; unrelenting; determined in spite of fear; Ex. grim smile

♠ **grimace** :

facial distortion to show feeling such as pain, disgust, etc; V.

♠ **grisly** :

ghastly; horrifying; Ex. grisly remains of the bodies

♥ **groom** :

man employed to take care of horses; V: make neat and trim; clean and brush (an animal)

□ **grotesque** :

fantastic; comically hideous; strange and unnatural (causing fear or amusement)

♥ **hideous** :

repulsive to the sight; ugly; repugnant; Ex. hideous face/scream

♠ **grotto** :

small cavern

♠ **grouse** :

complain; fuss; grumble; grouch; N: plump chickenlike game bird

♥ **grumble** :

complain; mutter discontentedly; grouch; N.

♥ **mutter** :

utter (complaining words) indistinctly in low tones

♥ **rumble** :

make or move with a deep rolling sound (as thunder or stomach)

♠ **grovel** :

crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate; behave in a servile manner

□ **grudging** :

unwilling; reluctant; stingy (giving reluctantly)

♠ **gruel** :

thin liquid porridge

♥ **porridge** :

soft food made by boiling oatmeal

♥ **oatmeal** :

crushed oats used for making porridge

♠ **grueling** :

exhausting; Ex. grueling marathon race

♠ **gruesome** :

grisly; horrible

♠ **gruff** :

rough-mannered; (of a voice) rough; hoarse

♥ **grunt** :

utter a deep guttural sound (as a pig does); N.

♠ **guffaw** :

boisterous laughter; V.

□ **guile** :

deceit; duplicity; wiliness; cunning; Ex. persuade her by guile

♥ **cunning** :

clever in deceiving; sly; N: cleverness in deceiving; deceit

□ **guileless** :

without deceit

□ **guise** :

outward appearance; costume; Ex. in a new guise

♠ **gull** :

trick; deceive; hoodwink; N: person who is easily tricked; dupe

gullible :

easily deceived

♠ **gustatory** :

affecting or relating to the sense of taste

♠ **gusto** :

eager enjoyment; zest; enthusiasm

gusty :

windy

♡ **gust** :

strong abrupt rush of wind; V. CF. bluster

♠ **guy** :

cable or chain attached to something that needs to be braced or steadied; CF. guide

♡ **topple** :

become unsteady and fall down

♡ **overthrow** :

topple; N.

♡ **overturn** :

turn over; capsize; topple

♡ **capsize** :

(of a boat) turn over

gyroscope :

apparatus used to maintain balance, ascertain direction, etc.

♠ **habituate** :

accustom or familiarize; addict

♠ **hackles** :

hairs on back and neck, especially of a dog; Ex. make someone's hackles rise

♡ **growl** :

low, guttural, menacing sound (as of a dog)

hackneyed :

commonplace; trite

♠ **haggard** :

wasted away; gaunt; Ex. haggard faces of the rescued miners

♠ **haggle** :

argue about prices (in an attempt to bargain)

♠ **halcyon** :

calm; peaceful; Ex. halcyon days

♠ **hale** :

healthy

♡ **hail** :

frozen rain drop; V. salute or greet; precipitate hail

♠ **hallowed** :

blessed; consecrated; Ex. hallowed ground; V. hallow: set apart as holy

hallucination :

delusion; false idea; false perception of objects with a compelling sense of their reality; objects so perceived; V.

hallucinate; ADJ. hallucinatory

♠ **halting** :

hesitant; faltering; not fluent; Ex. halting steps/voice; V. halt: proceed or act with uncertainty; falter; hesitate;

waver; stop

♡ **waver** :

move or swing back and forth; be uncertain or unsteady in decision or movement; Ex. wavering between

accepting and refusing

hamper :

obstruct; prevent the free movement of; N: 식료품이나 의복 등을 담은 바구니

♠ **hap** :

chance; luck

□ **haphazard** :

random; by chance; happening in an unplanned manner; Ex. haphazard growth of the town

♠ **hapless** :

unfortunate; luckless

♠ **harangue** :

long, passionate, and vehement speech; V.

□ **harass** :

annoy by repeated attacks

□ **harbinger** :

forerunner (which foreshadows what is to come)

□ **harbor** :

give protection (by giving food and shelter); provide a refuge for; hide; keep in mind (thoughts or feelings); Ex. harbor a grudge/criminal; N: place of shelter; refuge

♥ **habitat** :

natural home of a plant or animal; CF. habitation

♠ **hardy** :

(of people or animals) sturdy; robust; (of plants) able to stand inclement(stormy) weather

♠ **harping** :

tiresome dwelling on a subject; V. harp: dwell on(think or speak a lot about) tediously

♠ **harrowing** :

agonizing; distressing; traumatic; V. harrow: break up and level (soil) with a harrow; inflict great distress on; agonize; N: farming machine to break up the earth

□ **harry** :

harass, annoy, torment (by repeated attacks); raid

□ **hatch** :

deck opening; lid covering a deck opening; V: emerge from an egg; produce (young) from an egg

♥ **latch** :

fastening or lock consisting of a movable bar that fits into a notch; V: close with a latch

♥ **notch** :

V-shaped cut in a surface; V.

□ **haughtiness** :

pride; arrogance; ADJ. haughty

♥ **haunt** :

(of a spirit) visit (a place); come to mind continually; visit (a place) regularly; frequent; Ex. haunted house; Ex. haunted by his last words; N: place much frequented

♠ **haven** :

place of safety; refuge; harbor; Ex. tax haven

♥ **havoc** :

widespread damage; disorder; chaos

□ **hazardous** :

dangerous

♥ **hazard** :

venture; put in danger; risk; Ex. hazard a guess; N: possible source of danger

□ **hazy** :

slightly obscure; misty; unclear; N. haze: light mist or smoke; confused state of mind

♠ **headlong** :

hasty; rash; headfirst; ADV.

♥ **headfirst** :

moving with the head leading; headlong

♠ **headstrong** :

willful; stubborn; unyielding; determined to have one's own way; CF. no 'excessive'

♠ **heckler** :

person who verbally harasses others; V. heckle: verbally harass as with gibes (by interrupting a speaker or speech)

hedonist :

one who believes that pleasure is the sole aim in life; CF. hedonism: practice of living one's life purely for pleasure

heedless :

not noticing; disregarding

♡ **heed** :

pay attention to; N: close attention

♠ **hegemony** :

dominance especially of one nation over others

♠ **heinous** :

atrocious; wicked; hatefully bad; Ex. heinous crime

♡ **gross** :

total; fragrant; clearly wrong; (of people's behavior) coarse; corpulent; Ex. gross insolence/behavior; V: earn as a total amount; N: 12 dozens

♡ **helm** :

steering wheel of a ship; position of control

herbivorous :

grain-eating; CF. herbivore

heresy :

opinion contrary to popular belief; opinion contrary to accepted religion; ADJ. heretical; CF. heretic

♠ **hermetic** :

sealed by fusion so as to be airtight; airtight

♠ **hermetic** :

concerning alchemy or magic; obscure and mysterious; occult

♡ **sterile** :

incapable of producing young; free from microorganism; V. sterilize

♠ **hermitage** :

home of a hermit

♠ **herpetologist** :

one who studies reptiles; CF. herpetology: branch of zoology that deals with reptiles and amphibians

♠ **heterodox** :

(of beliefs) against accepted opinion; unorthodox; unconventional

heterogeneous :

dissimilar; mixed; not homogeneous; consisting of dissimilar elements or plants

♠ **hew** :

cut to pieces with ax or sword; chop; N.

♠ **heyday** :

time of greatest success or power; prime

♡ **prime** :

period of ideal or peak condition; earliest or beginning stage; Ex. in the prime of life; Ex. prime of the year(spring); ADJ: first in importance or rank; first; V: make ready; prepare

♡ **primary** :

first in rank or importance; principal; earliest in time; Ex. primary stages; N. CF. first

♡ **primal** :

first in rank or importance; being first in time; original; Ex. man's primal innocence

♡ **primate** :

group of mammals including humans

♠ **hiatus** :

gap; pause; gap or interruption in space or time; break

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♠ **hibernal** :

wintry; wintery; of or like winter

hibernate :

sleep throughout the winter; N. hibernation

hierarchy :

arrangement by rank or standing; authoritarian body divided into ranks; body of persons having authority

♥ **totem** :

animal, plant, or natural object serving as a symbol of a clan or family; representation of this; Ex. totem pole

hieroglyphic :

picture writing; ADJ.

♠ **hilarity** :

boisterous mirth(merriment; laughter); ADJ. hilarious: full of laughter

♠ **hindmost** :

furthest behind; farthest to the rear

♥ **wage** :

begin and continue (a war)

hindrance :

block; obstacle; V. hinder

♠ **hinterlands** :

back country; inner part of a country; OP. foreland

♠ **hireling** :

one who serves for hire (usually used contemptuously); one who works solely for compensation; Ex. hireling politician

♠ **hirsute** :

hairy; having a lot of hair

♠ **histrionic** :

theatrical; excessively dramatic or emotional; affected; of actors or acting; N. histrionics: histrionic behavior

♥ **historic** :

important in history; Ex. historic battle

♥ **historical** :

connected with history; based on events in history (whether regarded as important or not)

♠ **hoard** :

stockpile; accumulate for future use; N: supply stored for future use

♠ **hoary** :

white with age

♠ **hoax** :

trick which makes someone take action; practical joke; Ex. hoax mail; V.

♠ **holocaust** :

destruction by fire; CF. burnt whole; CF. Holocaust

♠ **holster** :

leather pistol case (that hangs on a belt around the waist)

homage :

honor; tribute; great respect; Ex. pay/do homage to

♠ **homeostasis** :

tendency of a system or organism to maintain relative stability or internal equilibrium; CF. homeo-: constant; Ex. homeotherm

homespun :

domestic; made at home; spun or woven at home; simple and ordinary; Ex. homespun philosophy

♥ **spin** :

rotate swiftly; make (thread) by twisting (cotton, wool, etc.); N.

♠ **homily** :

sermon; tedious moralizing lecture; serious warning; ADJ. homiletic

homogeneous :

of the same kind; uniform in composition throughout

♠ **hone** :

sharpen (a tool); N: whetstone for sharpening a tool

♠ **hoodwink** :

deceive; delude

♠ **horde** :

crowd; swarm

♡ **swarm** :

large group of insects moving in a mass; crowd of people or animals; V: move in a crowd or mass

♠ **hortatory** :

encouraging; exhortive; marked by exhortation; CF. exhort

♠ **horticultural** :

pertaining to cultivation of gardens; N. horticulture: science or art of cultivating fruits, vegetables, or ornamental plants; CF. agriculture: science or art of farming or growing crops

□ **hostility** :

unfriendliness; hatred; enmity; ADJ. hostile

♠ **hovel** :

shack; small wretched house

♡ **hut** :

crude dwelling; shack

♡ **shack** :

crude cabin

♡ **shed** :

small roofed structure for storage and shelter; V: pour forth; lose by natural process; repel without allowing penetration; radiate; cast; Ex. shed tears/light/water/skin/leaves

♠ **hover** :

hang about; (of birds or aircraft) stay in the air in one place; (of people) wait nearby; stay around one place; waver; be in an uncertain state

♠ **hubbub** :

confused uproar; loud noise; din

♠ **hubris** :

arrogance; excessive self-conceit

♠ **hue** :

color; aspect; Ex. opinions of every hue

♠ **hue and cry** :

outcry; loud cry or clamor; strong protest; Ex. hue and cry against the new rule

□ **humane** :

marked by kindness or consideration; kind and compassionate; humanitarian

□ **humanitarian** :

one devoted to the promotion of human welfare; CF. humanism

♠ **humdrum** :

dull; monotonous

□ **humid** :

damp; N. humidity

♠ **humility** :

humbleness of spirit

♡ **humble** :

of low rank or position; modest; having a low opinion of oneself and a high opinion of others; unassuming; not proud; V. humiliate: make humble; cause to feel ashamed or to lose the respect of others

♠ **hummock** :

small hill; hillock

♠ **humus** :

substance or rich soil formed by decaying vegetable matter; CF. soil

♠ **hurtle** :

crash; rush; move with great speed; Ex. hurtling runaway train

♠ **husband** :

use sparingly; conserve; save; Ex. husband one's energy; CF. house holder

♠ **husbandry** :

frugality; thrift; economy; agriculture; farming; Ex. animal husbandry; CF. husbandman

☐ **hybrid** :

mongrel; mixed breed; V. hybridize

♡ **mongrel** :

plant or animal (esp. a dog) of mixed breed; ADJ.

♡ **pedigree** :

line of ancestors; ancestry; lineage; ADJ. (of an animal) descended from of a chosen family; Ex. pedigree dog;
CF. crane's foot

♠ **hydrophobia** :

fear of water; rabies

♡ **rabies** :

disease passed on by the bite of an infected animal (causing madness and death)

♡ **hygiene** :

science and practice of the promotion and preservation of health; ADJ. hygienic: showing careful attention to
cleanness (to prevent disease); Ex. hygienic condition

♠ **hyperbole** :

exaggeration; overstatement; ADJ. hyperbolic: of hyperbole; of a hyperbola

☐ **hypercritical** :

excessively exacting; too critical (without noticing good qualities)

♠ **hypochondriac** :

person unduly worried about his health; worrier without cause about illness; ADJ. CF. hypochondria: neurosis
that one is or is becoming ill; CF. abdomen

☐ **hypocritical** :

pretending to be virtuous; deceiving; N. hypocrisy: profession of beliefs one does not possess; CF. hypocrite

☐ **hypothetical** :

based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed; N. hypothesis

♠ **ichthyology** :

study of fish; CF. ichthyo-: fish

☐ **icon(ikon)** :

religious image; idol; image or representation

♠ **iconoclastic** :

attacking cherished traditions; N. iconoclast: one who attacks traditional ideas; one who destroys sacred images

☐ **ideology** :

system of ideas characteristic of a group or culture

♠ **idiom** :

expression whose meaning as a whole differs from the meanings of its individual words; distinctive style (of
expression); Ex. idiom of the modern popular music; ADJ. idiomatic

☐ **idiosyncrasy** :

individual trait usually odd in nature; behavioral peculiarity; eccentricity; attitude, behavior, or opinion peculiar
to a person; anything highly individual or eccentric; ADJ. idiosyncratic

♠ **idolatry** :

worship of idols; excessive admiration or devotion; ADJ. idolatrous

♠ **idyllic** :

charmingly carefree; simple and happy; Ex. idyllic scene

♡ **idyll(idyl)** :

short poem idealizing rural life; simple happy period of life (in the country); scene from such a time; Ex. idyll of
two young lovers

♠ **igneous** :

produced by fire; of fire; volcanic; (of rocks) formed from lava; Ex. igneous meteorite

☐ **ignite** :

kindle; light; catch fire or set fire to

♠ **ignoble** :

unworthy; not noble; dishonorable; Ex. ignoble deed

♠ **ignominy** :

deep disgrace; shame or dishonor; ADJ. ignominious; Ex. ignominious defeat

☐ **illicit** :

illegal

♠ **illimitable** :

infinite; limitless

□ **illuminate** :

brighten; clear up or make understandable; enlighten; enable to understand; Ex. illuminating remarks

□ **illusion** :

misleading vision or visual image; false idea or belief; CF. delusion

□ **illusive** :

deceiving; based on illusion; causing illusion; deceptive

□ **illusory** :

illusory; deceptive; not real

□ **imbalance** :

lack of balance or symmetry; disproportion

♥ **disproportion** :

lack of proportion (between the parts); ADJ. disproportionate

♠ **imbecility** :

weakness of mind; state of being an imbecile; N. imbecile: stupid person; fool

□ **imbibe** :

drink in

♠ **imbroglio** :

complicated situation (as in a play); painful or complex misunderstanding (as in a play); entanglement; confused

mass (as of papers); V. embroil

♠ **imbue** :

saturate(soak thoroughly); fill; Ex. imbue someone with feelings

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□ **immaculate** :

spotless; flawless; absolutely clean

♥ **tenant** :

one that pays rent to use property owned by another

♥ **tenancy** :

possession of land or building by rent; period of a tenant's occupancy

□ **imminent** :

impending; near at hand

□ **immobility** :

state of being immovable

♠ **immolate** :

offer or kill as a sacrifice (by fire)

□ **immune** :

resistant to; free or exempt from; N. immunity

♠ **immure** :

imprison; shut up in confinement; CF. wall

□ **immutable** :

unchangeable

□ **impair** :

injure; hurt; damage

♠ **impale** :

pierce (with a sharp point); Ex. impaled by the spear

□ **impalpable** :

imperceptible(not easily understood); intangible; OP. palpable: tangible; easily perceptible

□ **impartial** :

not biased; fair; N. impartiality

♥ **impart** :

grant a share of; make known; Ex. news to impart

impassable :

not able to be traveled or crossed

impasse :

predicament(dangerous condition) from which there is no escape; situation allowing for no further progress

impassive :

without feeling; expressionless; imperturbable; stoical; Ex. impassive face

♠ **impeach** :

charge (a public official) with crime in office; raise doubts about; indict; Ex. impeach a witness's credibility

♠ **impeccable** :

faultless

♥ **credential** :

evidence concerning one's authority; written proof of a person's position; Ex. The new ambassador presented his credentials to the court.

impecunious :

without money

impede :

hide; retard or obstruct the progress of; block

♥ **retard** :

delay (in development); ADJ. retarded: (as of a child) slower in development

impediment :

hindrance; stumbling-block; speech defect preventing clear articulation; Ex. speech impediment

impel :

drive or force onward; drive to take action; urge to action

impending :

nearing; approaching; about to happen

impenetrable :

not able to be pierced or entered; beyond understanding; impossible to understand; Ex. impenetrable mystery

impenitent :

not repentant

imperative :

absolutely necessary; that must be done; critically important; expressing command; Ex. It is imperative that; N: something that must be done

imperceptible :

unnoticeable; impossible to perceive; undetectable

imperial :

like an emperor; related to an empire; CF. imperialism

♥ **imperil** :

put in danger

♠ **imperious** :

domineering; too commanding; haughty; CF. imperial/emperor

impermeable :

impervious; not permitting passage through its substance; impossible to permeate

impertinent :

insolent; rude; not pertinent; N. impertinence

imperturbable :

unshakably calm; placid

♥ **collected** :

composed; calm; self-possessed

♠ **impervious** :

impenetrable; incapable of being damaged or distressed; incapable of being affected (in one's opinions); Ex. impervious to water/criticism

impetuous :

violent; hasty; rash; impulsive; without careful thought; Ex. impetuous decision

impetus :

moving force; momentum; force of a moving body; incentive; stimulus; impulse

impiety :

irreverence; lack of respect for God or piety

♠ **impinge** :

infringe; encroach; influence; touch; collide with; Ex. The effects are impinging on every aspect of our lives.

impious :

irreverent

implacable :

incapable of being pacified; impossible to appease; Ex. implacable enemy

implausible :

unlikely (to be true); unbelievable; Ex. implausible alibi

implement :

put into effect; enforce; carry out; supply with tools; Ex. implement the plan/suggestion; N: tool or instrument

implicate :

incriminate; involve incriminatingly; show to be involved (in a crime); Ex. implicate someone in the crime

implication :

something hinted at or suggested; implying; implicating

implicit :

understood but not stated; implied; unquestioning and complete; Ex. implicit trust

implode :

burst inward; CF. vacuum tube

implore :

beg

imply :

suggest a meaning not expressed; signify

♠ **impolitic** :

not wise; not expedient; not politic

imponderable :

weightless; that cannot undergo precise evaluation; CF. pound

import :

significance; importance; meaning

♡ **significant** :

expressing a meaning; important; Ex. significant smile; N. significance: importance; meaning; V. signify: denote; mean; signal; make known; matter; be significant

♠ **importunate** :

urging; always demanding; troublesomely urgent or persistent

♠ **importune** :

beg persistently; make repeated requests (in an annoying way)

imposture :

assuming a false identity; masquerade; CF. impostor

♡ **masquerade** :

wear a mask or disguise; pretend; N: costume party or ball at which masks are worn; pretense; disguise

impotent :

weak; ineffective; lacking in physical strength or power

♡ **crave** :

desire; want intensely

♠ **imprecation** :

curse; swearword

♠ **impregnable** :

invulnerable; impossible to capture or enter by force; Ex. impregnable fort/argument; CF. take

♡ **impregnate** :

make pregnant; fill thoroughly; saturate

impromptu :

without previous preparation; off the cuff(end of a sleeve); on the spur of the moment

impropriety :

improperness; unsuitableness

improvident :

thrifless; not providing for the future

improvise :

compose on the spur of the moment

imprudent :

lacking caution; not prudent; injudicious

impudence :

impertinence; insolence

♠ **impugn** :

dispute or contradict (often in an insulting way); attack as false or questionable; challenge; gainsay; CF. fight

♠ **impuissance** :

powerlessness; feebleness

impunity :

freedom from punishment or harm; CF. punish

♠ **impute** :

attribute; ascribe; charge; N. imputation

inadvertently :

unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly

♡ **oversee** :

watch over and direct; supervise; N. oversight: unintentional failure to notice or do something; supervision

inalienable :

not to be taken away; nontransferable; Ex. inalienable rights

♠ **inane** :

silly; senseless; Ex. inane remarks; N. inanity

inanimate :

lifeless; not animate

♠ **inarticulate** :

speechless; producing indistinct speech; not articulate; not expressing oneself clearly

♡ **speechless** :

unable for the moment to speak (because of strong feeling); Ex. speechless with anger

inaugurate :

begin formally; install in office; induct into office by a formal ceremony; N. inauguration; ADJ. inaugural

♠ **incandescent** :

strikingly bright; shining with intense heat; emitting visible light when heated; Ex. incandescent light bulb; CF. candle

♠ **incantation** :

singing or chanting of magic spells; magical formula; (the saying of) words used in magic; CF. enchant

♡ **chant** :

tune(melody) in which a number of words are sung on the same note; V. sing (a chant); utter (a slogan) in the manner of a chant

♡ **charm** :

quality of pleasing; amulet; action or formula thought to have magical power; spell; V. attract; cast a spell on; bewitch

♡ **bewitch** :

cast a spell over; captivate completely

♡ **recite** :

repeat aloud (something learned); describe; Ex. recite his complaints; N. recitation

♡ **recital** :

act of reciting publicly; detailed account; performance of music or dance (by a solo performer)

♠ **incapacitate** :

disable; N. incapacity: lack of capacity

incarcerate :

imprison

incarnate :

endowed with flesh; invested with bodily form; personified; Ex. devil incarnate; V: give bodily form to; embody

incarnation :

act of assuming a human body and human nature; one who personifies something; personification; Ex. previous incarnation/reincarnation

♥ **personify** :

represent (an inanimate object) as a person; be the embodiment or perfect example of; Ex. She is evil/patience personified; N: personification

incendiary :

arsonist; ADJ: causing fire; of arson; Ex. incendiary bomb

incense :

enrage; infuriate(make furious); make extremely angry; outrage; N: aromatic substance burned to produce a pleasant odor

incentive :

spur; motive; something which encourages one to greater activity

inception :

start; beginning

incessant :

uninterrupted; unceasing

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♠ **inchoate** :

(of desire, wish, plan) recently begun; not explicit; at the beginning of development; rudimentary; elementary;

Ex. inchoate mass

incidence :

rate of occurrence; particular occurrence; Ex. high incidence of infant mortality

incidental :

not essential; minor; N: something incidental

♥ **incident** :

event; event that causes a crisis

♥ **incinerate** :

burn to ashes

incipient :

beginning; in an early stage

incisive :

(appreciatively) cutting; sharp; Ex. incisive remarks; V. incise: make a cut into

incite :

arouse to action; goad; motivate; induce to exist; Ex. incite a riot/the crowd to rebellion

♠ **inclement** :

stormy; unkind; unmerciful; CF. clement

incline :

slope; slant; Ex. steep incline

inclined :

tending or leaning toward; bent; V. incline: slant; dispose; be disposed; tend

♥ **tend** :

have a tendency; take care of; minister; serve at; apply one's attention; attend

inclusive :

tending to include all; all-inclusive; Ex. inclusive charge

incognito :

with identity concealed; using an assumed name; ADJ.

incoherent :

unintelligible; muddled; unable to express one's thoughts in an orderly manner; illogical; lacking cohesion; not coherent

incommodious :

not spacious; inconvenient

incompatible :

inharmonious; N. incompatibility

incongruity :

lack of harmony; absurdity; ADJ. incongruous: lacking in harmony; inappropriate

♡ **attire** :

clothe; N: clothing; array; apparel

inconsequential :

insignificant; unimportant

inconsistency :

state of being self-contradictory; lack of uniformity or steadiness; ADJ. inconsistent: displaying a lack of consistency; erratic; contradictory; incompatible

incontinent :

lacking self-restraint; not continent; licentious

incontrovertible :

indisputable; impossible to dispute; not open to question; unquestionable

incorporate :

introduce something into a larger whole; include; embody; give material form to; ADJ.

♠ **incorporeal** :

without a material body; insubstantial

incorrigible :

uncorrectable

incredulity :

tendency to disbelief

incredulous :

withholding belief; skeptical; showing disbelief

increment :

increase

incriminate :

accuse of or implicate in a crime; serve as evidence against; cause to seem or make guilty of a crime; Ex. incriminating evidence

♠ **incrustation** :

hard coating or crust; V. incrust: encrust; cover with a crust

incubate :

hatch; warm (eggs) with the body to promote hatching; maintain at optimal environment conditions for development; be holding in one's body an infection which is going to develop into a disease; N. incubation; CF. incubation:disease

♡ **inasmuch as** :

since; owing to the fact that

incubus :

burden; very worrying problem; mental care; nightmare; male devil; CF. succubus

inculcate :

teach (ideas or principles); instill

incumbent :

obligatory; imposed as an obligation; currently holding an office; N: person who holds an office

incur :

bring upon oneself

incursion :

temporary invasion; CF. excursion: short journey

♡ **inroad** :

hostile invasion; advance that lessens the quantity or difficulty of something; Ex. The long illness made serious inroads on his savings; CF. raid

indefatigable :

tireless; untiring; showing no sign of getting tired

indelible :

not able to be erased

♠ **indemnify** :

make secure against damage or loss; compensate for damage or loss; CF. make uninjured

indentation :

notch; deep recess; V. indent; CF. tooth

♠ **indenture** :

bind as servant or apprentice to master; bind by indenture; N: contract binding one party into the service of another for a specified time (as between an apprentice and his master)

indeterminate :

uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite

indicative :

suggestive; implying; serving to indicate

indices :

signs; indications; Ex. indices of a student's potential; CF. index: something that reveals or indicates; sign; Ex. cost-of-living index

indict :

charge; N. indictment

indifferent :

unmoved or unconcerned by; having no interest in; mediocre; neither good nor bad

indigence :

poverty

indigenous :

native; Ex. plant indigenous to the New World

indigent :

poor; destitute

indignation :

anger at an injustice; Ex. righteous indignation; ADJ. indignant

♥ **righteous** :

morally upright; just

♥ **rightful** :

legally correct; Ex. rightful owner

indignity :

treatment or situation that causes shame or loss of dignity, respect; offensive or insulting treatment; humiliating or degrading treatment; Ex. I suffered the indignity of having to say that in front of them.

indiscriminate :

choosing at random; confused; not based on careful distinctions

indisputable :

too certain to be disputed; beyond doubt

indissoluble :

permanent; impossible to dissolve or disintegrate

indite :

write; compose

indolent :

lazy

indomitable :

unconquerable; unyielding

♠ **indubitable** :

unable to be doubted; which cannot be doubted; unquestionable

induce :

persuade; lead to do something; bring about; N. inducement

inductive :

pertaining to induction or proceeding from the specific to the general

♥ **induct** :

place formally in office; install; admit as a member; initiate; N. induction: inducting; process of deriving general principles from particular facts

indulgent :

humoring; yielding; lenient; showing indulgence

♥ **indulge** :

yield to; gratify; allow oneself a special pleasure; Ex. indulge one's every whim/a child/in a big cigarette; N. indulgence

♥ **humor** :

indulge; comply with the wishes of; N. quality that makes something amusing; state of mind; mood; Ex. in a bad humor; Ex. out of humor

□ **industrious** :

diligent; hard-working; N. industry

♠ **inebriated** :

habitually intoxicated; drunk; N. inebriety

♥ **inebriate** :

make drunk; intoxicate; N. intoxicated person

♥ **intoxicate** :

make drunk; stimulate or excite; Ex. intoxicated by all the money he might win

♠ **ineffable** :

unutterable; not to be uttered; taboo; that cannot be expressed in speech; indescribable; unspeakable; inexpressible; Ex. ineffable name/joy

□ **ineffectual** :

not effective; not having a desired effect; weak

♠ **ineluctable** :

irresistible; not to be escaped; unavoidable

□ **inept** :

unsuited; inappropriate; lacking skill; incompetent; CF. inapt: (of statements or ideas) inappropriate

□ **inequity** :

unfairness; ADJ. inequitable

♠ **inerrancy** :

infallibility

♠ **inert** :

inactive; lacking power to move; unable to move or act; Ex. chemically inert; N. inertia: state of being inert; force which keeps a thing in the position or state

□ **inevitable** :

unavoidable

♠ **inexorable** :

relentless; unyielding; implacable; not capable of being changed by entreaty or efforts; Ex. inexorable price rises

□ **infallible** :

unerring; never making mistakes

□ **infamous** :

notoriously bad; notorious; well known for being bad; Ex. infamous behavior; N. infamy: infamous act; evil fame or reputation

□ **infantile** :

childish; infantlike

□ **infer** :

deduce; conclude; N. inference

♠ **infernal** :

pertaining to hell; devilish; N. inferno: place of fiery heat or destruction

♠ **infidel** :

unbeliever (with respect to a particular religion)

□ **infiltrate** :

pass into or through; penetrate or enter (an organization) sneakily; Ex. infiltrate the troops into enemy territory; CF. infiltrator

♥ **penetrate** :

enter into; pierce; permeate; see through; grasp the inner significance of; understand

□ **infinitesimal** :

very small

□ **infirmity** :

weakness

inflated :

restrain; prohibit; retard or prevent; N. inhibition

♡ **inhibited** :

exaggerated; pompous; enlarged (with air or gas)

influx :

(of a person) unable to express what one really feels

♡ **uninhibited** :

flowing into

infracation :

having no inhibitions; free in behavior and feelings

♠ **inimical** :

violation (of a rule or regulation); breach

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infringe :

(of someone) unfriendly; hostile; (of something) harmful; detrimental; CF. enemy

inimitable :

violate (a law); encroach (the right of another person)

ingenious :

matchless; not able to be imitated

iniquitous :

marked by inventive skill; clever; resourceful; N. ingenuity

♡ **resourceful** :

wicked; immoral; unrighteous; N. iniquity; Ex. den of iniquity

initiate :

clever and imaginative (in dealing with difficult situations); N. resource, resourcefulness

ingenuous :

begin; originate; receive into a group; introduce to a new field or activity; Ex. initiate someone into the mysteries of a secret religion; N: one who has been initiated

injurious :

naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated; candid

♡ **ingenue** :

harmful; causing injury

♠ **inkling** :

ingénue; young innocent girl

ingrained :

hint; slight indication

innate :

deeply established; firmly rooted; Ex. ingrained dirt/prejudice

ingrate :

inborn

innocuous :

ungrateful person (not expressing thanks)

♠ **ingratiating** :

harmless

innovation :

become popular with; bring (oneself) in favor of another; Ex. ingratiate himself with the boss

inherent :

change; something newly introduced; introduction of something new; V. innovate: begin or introduce (something new); be creative; ADJ. innovative

♠ **innuendo** :

firmly established by nature or habit; intrinsic

inhibit :

indirect or subtle (derogatory) hint; insinuation; Ex. sexual innuendo

inopportune :

untimely; inappropriate or ill-timed; poorly chosen

♠ **inordinate** :

beyond reasonable limits; unrestrained; excessive; Ex. inordinate demands

□ **inquisitor** :

questioner (especially harsh); investigator; person making an inquisition

♥ **inquisitive** :

eager for knowledge; unduly curious

♠ **insalubrious** :

unwholesome; not healthful; Ex. insalubrious place

♥ **healthful** :

conducive to good health; Ex. healthful mountain air

♥ **healthy** :

possessing good health; healthful

♥ **wholesome** :

conducive to mental or physical health; healthful

□ **insatiable** :

not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex. insatiable appetite

♠ **inscrutable** :

difficult to understand; impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious

♠ **insensate** :

without feeling; lacking sense; foolish

♠ **insensible** :

unconscious; unresponsive; insensitive; unaware; imperceptible; Ex. insensible of his danger/to pain; Ex. insensible change; CE not the opposite of sensible

♠ **insidious** :

treacherous; stealthy; sly; working or spreading harmfully in a stealthy manner; Ex. insidious spreading of dry rot

□ **insightful** :

discerning; perceptive

♠ **insinuate** :

hint; imply; suggest indirectly; creep in; introduce or insert (oneself) by artful means; Ex. insinuate himself into the boss's favor; CF. ingratiate

♥ **creep** :

move with body close to the ground; move stealthily or slowly; N.

♥ **artful** :

exhibiting art or skill; deceitful; cunning; CF. artifice

♠ **insipid** :

lacking in flavor; lacking interest; dull; Ex. insipid food/character

□ **insolence** :

impudent disrespect; haughtiness; ADJ. insolent; CF. haughty + rude

□ **insolvent** :

bankrupt; lacking money to pay; N. insolvency

□ **insomnia** :

wakefulness; inability to sleep

♠ **insouciant** :

without concern or care; unconcerned; indifferent

♠ **instigate** :

start; urge; provoke; incite; Ex. instigate a search/quarrel

□ **insubordination** :

disobedience; rebelliousness; ADJ. insubordinate

□ **insubstantial** :

lacking substance; insignificant; frail; immaterial

♠ **insularity** :

narrow-mindedness; isolation; ADJ. insular: of an island; isolated; narrow-minded; CF. peninsula

□ **insuperable** :

insurmountable; unbeatable; Ex. insuperable difficulties

♥ **odds** :

chances; probability; disagreement; Ex. The odds are that it will rain. Ex. at odds with

□ **insurgent** :

rebellious; N.

□ **insurmountable** :

overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable

□ **insurrection** :

rebellion; uprising

□ **intangible** :

not able to be perceived by touch; vague

□ **integral** :

complete; necessary for completeness; Ex. integral part

□ **integrate** :

make whole; combine; make into one unit

□ **integrity** :

honesty; uprightness; wholeness; state of being whole and undivided; completeness

♥ **upright** :

(sitting or standing) straight up; honest; moral

□ **intellect** :

higher mental powers; person of great intellectual ability

□ **intelligentsia** :

intellectuals; members of the educated elite (often used derogatorily)

□ **inter** :

bury; N. interment

♥ **cemetery** :

place for burying the dead

□ **interdict** :

prohibit; forbid; N.

□ **interim** :

meantime; Ex. in the interim; ADJ. taking place during an interim; Ex. interim paper

♠ **interloper** :

intruder; one who interferes

□ **interminable** :

endless

□ **intermittent** :

periodic; on and off; stopping and starting at intervals

□ **internecine** :

mutually destructive

♠ **interpolate** :

insert between

♠ **interregnum** :

period between two successive reigns or governments

♠ **interrogate** :

question closely; cross-examine; cross-question

□ **intervene** :

come between; interfere; Ex. intervened to prevent a fight; N. intervention

♠ **intimate** :

hint; suggest; imply; ADJ: marked by close relationship; familiar; private; personal; Ex. intimate knowledge/thoughts in the diary; N: close friend or confidant; CF. intimacy

□ **intimidate** :

frighten; N. intimidation

□ **intractable** :

unruly; difficult to manage; Ex. intractable problem/child

intransigence :

refusal of any compromise; stubbornness; ADJ. intransigent: uncompromising

intrepid :

fearless

intrinsic :

essential; inherent; built-in

♠ **introspective** :

looking within oneself; N. introspection: self-examination

introvert :

one who is introspective or inclined to think more about oneself; ADJ. introverted

♠ **intrude** :

put or force in without being asked; trespass; enter as an uninvited person; Ex. intrude one's own opinion into the report; CF. thrust in

intuition :

immediate insight; power of knowing without reasoning; ADJ. intuitive; V. intuit: know by intuition

inundate :

flood; overflow; submerge; cover completely; Ex. inundated with work

♡ **overwhelm** :

(of water) cover completely; defeat completely by much greater force; Ex. overwhelmed by grief

♡ **submerge** :

place under water; dip; go under water; cover completely (as with water); Ex. submerged in work

♡ **engulf** :

surround and swallow up

♠ **inured** :

accustomed; hardened; Ex. inured to the Alaskan cold; V. inure: make used to something undesirable; harden;

CF. unfeeling

invalidate :

weaken; destroy; make invalid; nullify

♡ **invalid** :

one incapacitated(disabled) by a chronic illness; ADJ: incapacitated by illness; not valid; null; V: allow to leave (a military force) because of ill-health

invective :

abuse

♠ **inveigh** :

denounce; utter censure or invective; Ex. inveigh against the evils of drink

♠ **inveigle** :

deceive; lead astray by deception; wheedle(cajole); Ex. inveigle her into joining the club; CF. interest dishonestly

inverse :

opposite

invert :

turn upside down or inside out; reverse the position or condition of

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inveterate :

deep-rooted; habitual; CF. grow old

♠ **invidious** :

designed to create ill will or envy; tending to rouse ill will or envy; Ex. invidious comparison

invincible :

unconquerable

♠ **inviolable** :

secure from corruption, attack, or violation(or profanation); unassailable; Ex. inviolable oath/rights; N. inviolability

♠ **invocation** :

prayer for help (used in invoking); calling upon as a reference or support; act of invoking

♠ **invoke** :

call and bring into use (a right or law); call on/upon (a higher power or god) for help; ask for; beg for; conjure (a spirit); Ex. invoke the veto power; Ex. invoke one's advisor/God

invulnerable :

incapable of injury; impossible to damage or injure

iota :

very small quantity

♠ **irascible** :

irritable; easily angered

♠ **irate** :

angry; CF. ire: anger; wrath

♠ **iridescent** :

exhibiting rainbowlike colors; Ex. iridescent oil slick; N. iridescence

irksome :

annoying; tedious; V. irk: annoy

ironic :

expressing irony; occurring in an unexpected and contrary manner

♠ **irony** :

hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words that seem to mean the opposite of what they actually mean; use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning

irreconcilable :

impossible to reconcile; incompatible; not able to be resolved

irrefutable :

indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable

irrelevant :

not applicable; unrelated

irremediable :

incurable; uncorrectable; impossible to remedy

irreparable :

not able to be corrected or repaired; impossible to repair

irrepressible :

unable to be restrained or held back; impossible to hold back

irreproachable :

beyond reproach; blameless; impeccable; Ex. irreproachable conduct

irresolute :

uncertain how to act; weak; lacking in resolution; indecisive; N. irresolution

♡ **indecisive** :

marked by indecision; inconclusive; Ex. indecisive battle

♡ **indecision** :

irresolution; inability to make up one's mind

irretrievable :

impossible to recover or regain; CF. retrieve

irreverence :

lack of proper respect or reverence; ADJ. irreverent

irrevocable :

unalterable; irreversible; impossible to revoke

isotope :

varying from of an element

♠ **isthmus** :

narrow neck of land connecting two larger bodies of land

♠ **itinerant** :

wandering; traveling from place to place (to perform work); Ex. itinerant preacher

♠ **itinerary** :

plan of a trip; record of a trip

♠ **jabber** :

chatter rapidly or unintelligibly

♥ **jab** :

poke abruptly with something sharp; punch with short blows

♠ **jaded** :

tired or uninterested by surfeit; fatigued; surfeited; worn out; wearied; Ex. jaded appetite

□ **jargon** :

language used by special group; technical terminology; gibberish; nonsensical or incoherent talk

♠ **jaundiced** :

yellowed; prejudiced (envious, hostile, or resentful) from long and disappointing experience of human affairs;

Ex. with a jaundiced eye

♥ **jaundice** :

medical condition in which the skin, the white part of the eyes, etc. turn yellow; V: affect with jaundice; affect with prejudice, envy, or hostility; bias

♠ **jaunt** :

trip; short journey

♠ **jaunty** :

cheerful and pleased with life; lighthearted; animated; easy and carefree; dapper in appearance; Ex. jaunty person/hat

□ **jeopardize** :

endanger; imperil; put at risk; N. jeopardy: danger

♠ **jettison** :

throw overboard (from a ship or plane)

♠ **jibe** :

agree; be in harmony with; gibe

□ **jingoist** :

extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist; N. jingoism: extreme nationalism

♠ **jocose** :

given to(having a tendency of) joking

♠ **jocular** :

said or done in jest or playfully; marked by joking

♥ **jest** :

playful remark or act; V. act or speak playfully

♠ **jocund** :

merry

♠ **jollity** :

gaiety; cheerfulness; ADJ. jolly: merry; gay

♠ **jostle** :

shove; bump; push against (someone) rather roughly; Ex. jostled by the crowds

♥ **shove** :

push forward; push roughly; Ex. pushing and shoving to get on the bus; N.

♥ **bump** :

hit or knock against with force; N.

♠ **jovial** :

good-natured; merry; cheerful

□ **jubilation** :

rejoicing; great joy

□ **judicious** :

sound on judgment; wise

♠ **juggernaut** :

irresistible crushing force; overwhelming advancing force that crushes everything in its path

♥ **jug** :

pitcher; container for holding liquids

♠ **juncture** :

crisis; point in time; joining point; joint; act of joining

♠ **junket** :

trip especially one taken for pleasure by an official at public expense

♠ **junta** :

group of persons joined in political intrigue; cabal; group of military officers ruling a country after seizing power (by force)

♠ **jurisprudence** :

science of law

♡ **jurisdiction** :

right and power to apply the law; authority

♡ **juridical** :

of the law and its administration; CF. judicial: of courts of law; CF. judiciary

♠ **juxtapose** :

place side by side; CF. next

♠ **kaleidoscope** :

tube in which patterns made by the reflection in mirrors of colored pieces of glass, etc. produce interesting symmetrical effects; series of changing events; Ex. kaleidoscope of European history; CF. beautiful

♠ **ken** :

range of knowledge; Ex. beyond one's ken

□ **kernel** :

central or vital part; core; whole seed (as of corn)

♠ **killjoy** :

grouch; spoilsport; one who intentionally spoils the pleasure of others

♡ **grouch** :

bad-tempered complaint; person who keeps complaining; V: complain; grumble

♡ **spoilsport** :

one who spoils the pleasure of others

□ **kindle** :

start a fire; ignite; inspire; arouse

♠ **kindred** :

related; belonging to the same group; similar in nature or character; Ex. kindred languages; N: relative; kin; kinship

□ **kinetic** :

producing motion; of motion

♠ **kismet** :

fate; destiny; Ex. Kismet is the Arabic word for fate.

♠ **kleptomaniac** :

person who has a compulsive desire to steal

♠ **knave** :

untrustworthy person; rogue; scoundrel; jack; N. knavery

♠ **knead** :

mix; work dough; mix and work into a uniform mass (with the hands); Ex. knead dough

♠ **knell** :

tolling of a bell especially to indicate a funeral, disaster, etc.; sound of the funeral bell; V.

♡ **toll** :

sound (a large bell) slowly at regular intervals; N: sound of a bell; fixed tax or charge

♡ **curfew** :

regulation requiring all people to leave the streets at stated times; signal (as a bell) announcing the hour of a curfew

♠ **knit** :

contract into wrinkles; grow together; join together closely; make (a fabric or garment) by intertwining yarn or thread; Ex. knit the brow; Ex. The bones should knit together in a few weeks.

♡ **crochet** :

make (a piece of needlework) by looping thread with a hooked needle; N. CF. crotchet

♠ **knoll** :

little round hill; hillock

♠ **knotty** :

intricate; difficult; tangled; CF. knot

♠ **kudos** :

honor; glory; acclaim or praise for exceptional achievement

♡ **entourage** :

group of attendants; retinue; CF. surround

♠ **labile** :

likely to change; unstable; Ex. emotionally labile; N. lability

□ **laborious** :

demanding much work or care; tedious

□ **labyrinth** :

maze

♠ **laceration** :

torn ragged wound; V. lacerate: tear (the skin as with broken glass); wound

♡ **rip** :

tear or be torn quickly and violently; Ex. The sail ripped under the force of the wind; N.

♡ **rag** :

scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged debut/performance

♠ **lachrymose** :

producing tears; tearful

♠ **lackadaisical** :

lacking interest or effort; lacking purpose or zest; lazy; halfhearted; languid

♡ **halfhearted** :

exhibiting little interest or enthusiasm

♠ **lackluster** :

lacking luster(shine; gloss); dull

♠ **laconic** :

brief and to the point; using few words; terse

♠ **laggard** :

slow; sluggish; N: one who lags; straggler

♡ **lag** :

move or develop more slowly; straggle; Ex. lag behind the rest; N.

♡ **straggle** :

stray or fall behind (a main group); spread out in a scattered group; Ex. straggling marathon racer; Ex. straggling

branch

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♠ **lagoon** :

shallow body of water or lake near a sea; lake separated from a sea by sandbars or coral reefs

♠ **laity** :

laypersons; laymen; persons not connected with the clergy

♡ **layman** :

man who is not a cleric; man who is nonprofessional

□ **lament** :

grieve; express sorrow; N. lamentation

♠ **lampoon** :

ridicule; N: written attack ridiculing or satirizing a person, group, or institution

♠ **lancet** :

small surgical tool for making incisions

♡ **lance** :

pierce with a lance; cut into; N: spearlike weapon

□ **languid** :

lacking energy or vitality; weary; sluggish; listless

□ **languish** :

lose animation or strength

languor :

lack of physical or mental energy; lassitude; depression

♠ **lank** :

long and thin; Ex. Lank, gaunt, Abraham Lincoln

♠ **lap** :

take in food or drink with one's tongue; splash gently; Ex. waves lapping the shore; N: front area from the waist to the knees of a seated person

♠ **larceny** :

theft; Ex. petit larceny

♠ **larder** :

pantry; place where food is kept

♠ **largess** :

generous gift (given to people who do not have enough)

lascivious :

lustful

♡ **lust** :

intense sexual desire; intense eagerness; V.

♠ **lassitude** :

languor; weariness; listlessness

latent :

present but not yet noticeable or active; dormant; hidden; N. latency; CF. potential

lateral :

of or coming from the side

♠ **latitude** :

freedom from narrow limitations

laud :

praise; N. ADJ. laudable: praiseworthy; ADJ. laudatory: expressing praise

♠ **lavish** :

liberal; wasteful; generous or wasteful in giving or using; abundant; profuse; great; Ex. decorated lavishly; V. give in abundance

♠ **lax** :

careless; negligent; not paying enough attention; Ex. lax service

♠ **leaven** :

add leaven to; cause to rise or grow lighter; enliven; N: agent, such as yeast, that causes dough to rise (by fermentation); element that lightens or enlivens

♡ **enliven** :

make lively or spirited; animate

lechery :

gross lewdness; lustfulness; ADJ. lecherous; N. lecher: lecherous man

♠ **lectern** :

reading desk or stand for a public speaker

♠ **leery** :

(of someone) suspicious; wary; cautious

♠ **leeway** :

room to move; margin; latitude; Ex. leeway for the deadline

♡ **margin** :

border; room; allowance beyond what is needed; Ex. margin of safety

♡ **marginal** :

of a margin; barely within a limit; Ex. marginal effect/writing ability

legacy :

gift made by a will; something handed down from an ancestor

legend :

explanatory list of symbols on a map

♠ **legerdemain** :

sleight(dexterity) of hand; CF. light of hand

leniency :

mildness; permissiveness; ADJ. lenient: not severe in judgment or punishment

♥ **permissive** :

allowing much freedom; lenient; Ex. permissive society

leonine :

like a lion

lethal :

deadly

lethargic :

drowsy; dull; N. lethargy: state of sluggishness and inactivity

♠ **levee** :

earthen or stone embankment to prevent flooding; CF. raise

♠ **levitate** :

rise and float in the air (especially by magical means); CF. light

levity :

lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity; lightness of manner

♠ **levy** :

impose (a fine); collect (a payment); impose or collect (a tax); Ex. levy a tax on tobacco

lewd :

lustful

♠ **lexicographer** :

compiler of a dictionary; CF. lexicography: work of compiling a dictionary

♠ **lexicon** :

dictionary

♠ **liability** :

drawback; handicap; debts; obligation; responsibility; condition of being liable; ADJ. liable: likely; responsible (for paying)

liaison :

contact that keeps parties in communication; communication between groups; one that maintains communication; go-between; secret love affair; V. liaise: keep a connection

libel :

defamatory written statement; act of writing something that smears a person's character; V. ADJ. libelous

♠ **libertine** :

debauched person; dissolute or licentious person; roué; CF. free

♥ **roué** :

lecherous man

libidinous :

lustful

♠ **libido** :

psychic and emotional energy or urges behind human activity; sexual desire

♠ **libretto** :

text of an opera or oratorio; CF. book

licentious :

amoral; lewd and lascivious; unrestrained

♥ **license** :

official or legal permission; latitude of action or speech; excessive freedom that causes harm or damage; V.

♠ **lien** :

legal claim or right on a property

♠ **ligneous** :

like wood

♠ **lilliputian** :

extremely small; CF. Lilliput in Gulliver's Travels

♠ **limber** :

flexible; supple; pliable; V.

♠ **limbo** :

region near heaven or hell where certain souls are kept; prison (slang); Ex. Purgatory and Limbo

♡ **abode** :

dwelling place; home

♡ **abide** :

dwelt; abide by: comply with; put up with; tolerate; Ex. abide by the rules; Ex. I can't abide rude people.

♠ **limn** :

draw; outline; describe; CF. line ?

♠ **limpid** :

crystal clear

□ **lineage** :

descent; ancestry

♠ **lineaments** :

features especially of the face; distinctive shape or contour of the face; CF. line

♡ **feature** :

distinctive part of the faces (as the eyes or mouth); features: overall appearance of the face; prominent or distinctive quality; prominent article; film; V: make prominent

♡ **linger** :

loiter or dawdle; be slow in leaving; delay going; continue or persist; be slow to disappear; Ex. The smell lingered for days.

♡ **persist** :

continue in existence; last; continue in a course of action in spite of opposition; Ex. persist in/with something; ADJ. persistent

□ **linguistic** :

pertaining to language

♡ **lionize** :

treat (a person) as a celebrity

♡ **liquidate** :

settle accounts; pay off (a debt); clear up; eliminate; kill or abolish

♡ **list** :

tilt (as of a ship); lean over (to one side)

□ **listless** :

lacking in spirit or energy; languid

♠ **litany** :

supplicatory prayer; prayer in which the priest calls out and the people replies in the same words

♠ **lithe** :

flexible; supple; CF. limber

♡ **willowy** :

flexible; pliant; slender; CF. willow

♠ **litigation** :

lawsuit; N. litigant: one party in a lawsuit; V. litigate

♠ **litotes** :

understatement for emphasis; Ex. "not bad(=pretty good)"

♡ **understate** :

state with less truth than seems warranted by the facts; Ex. He understated the seriousness of the crime; N. understatement; OP. overstate

♠ **livid** :

lead-colored; black and blue (as from a bruise); ashen; enraged; extremely angry

♠ **loath** :

reluctant; unwilling; disinclined; Ex. Romeo and Juliet were both loath for him to go.

□ **loathe** :

detest; ADJ. loathsome: arousing loathing; offensive; Ex. loathsome smell

♠ **lode** :

metal-bearing vein(long deposit of an ore)

lofty :

very high

♥ **loft** :

room or space under the roof; attic

log :

record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities; section of a trunk; V.

loiter :

hang about/around; stand idly about; linger

♠ **loll** :

loungue about

♥ **lounge** :

stand, sit, or lie in a lazy, relaxed way

longevity :

long life; long duration

♠ **loom** :

appear or take shape (usually in an enlarged, indistinct, or distorted form); Ex. The shadow of the gallows loomed threateningly. N: apparatus for making thread into cloth

♥ **gallows** :

framework from which a noose is suspended (used for execution by hanging)

♥ **noose** :

loop formed in a rope

♠ **lope** :

gallop slowly

loquacious :

talkative; N. loquacity

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♠ **lout** :

clumsy person; ADJ. loutish; CF. from countrysides ?

♠ **low** :

moo; make the sound of a cow

♥ **lubricate** :

apply a lubricant to; N. lubricant: substance that reduces friction

lucid :

easily understood; clear; intelligible; N. lucidity

lucrative :

profitable; producing wealth

♠ **lucre** :

money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre

♥ **filth** :

dirty matter; ADJ. filthy

♠ **ludicrous** :

laughable; ridiculous; trifling

♠ **lugubrious** :

mournful; sorrowful

♠ **lull** :

moment of calm; period of reduced activity; Ex. a lull in the rain; V: cause to become less active; cause to sleep or rest; Ex. lull the opponents into a false sense of security; CF. lullaby

♠ **lumber** :

move heavily or clumsily; Ex. The bear lumbered through the woods; N: timber

♠ **lumen** :

unit of light energy (one candle's worth)

♠ **luminary** :

celebrity (in a specific field); dignitary; object that gives light (as a celestial body)

♡ **dignitary** :

person of high rank or position

♠ **luminous** :

shining (esp. in the dark); issuing light; Ex. luminous paint/road signs

□ **lunar** :

pertaining to the moon

♡ **lunatic** :

insane; Ex. lunatic asylum

♠ **lurid** :

wild; sensational; graphic; gruesome; horrible; Ex. lurid details of the murder

♠ **lurk** :

stealthily lie in waiting; slink; exist unperceived

♡ **slink** :

move furtively; ADJ. slinky: stealthy; furtive; sneaky (as in ambush)

♠ **luscious** :

pleasing to taste or smell; delicious

♠ **luster** :

shine; gloss (of a polished surface)

♠ **lustrous** :

shining; brilliant; Ex. lustrous hair

♠ **luxuriant** :

abundant; growing healthily and in large amounts; excessively ornate; rich and splendid; fertile; Ex. luxuriant

forests/prose; CF. luxurious, luxuriate

♠ **macabre** :

gruesome; grisly; ghastly; CF. of death

♡ **morgue** :

mortuary; place where bodies are kept before burial or cremation

♡ **cremate** :

incinerate (a corpse); N. crematory, crematorium

♠ **mace** :

ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority; clublike medieval weapon

♠ **macerate** :

soften by soaking in liquid; waste away; Ex. macerate powdered wood to make paper

♠ **Machiavellian** :

crafty; double-dealing; of the political doctrine of Machiavelli, which holds that craft and deceit are justified in pursuing political power

♠ **machinations** :

evil schemes or plots; schemes or plots to achieve an evil end; V. machinate

♠ **maculated** :

spotted; stained; CF. immaculate

♠ **madrigal** :

pastoral song; song for several singers without instruments

♠ **maelstrom** :

violent whirlpool; violent or turbulent situation; CF. stream

♠ **magisterial** :

authoritative; imperious; commanding; of a magistrate; Ex. magisterial study of Roman law; Ex. magisterial manner

♡ **magistrate** :

official with power to administer the law

□ **magnanimity** :

generosity; ADJ. magnanimous: generous

♠ **magnate** :

person of prominence or influence; powerful or influential person (in business or industry); Ex. oil magnate

□ **magniloquent** :

boastful; pompous

magnitude :

greatness (in size or extent); extent

♠ **maim** :

mutilate; injure lastingly; disable; cripple; Ex. maimed for life

♥ **mangle** :

tear or cut to pieces; mutilate or disfigure; Ex. badly mangled bodies

maladroit :

clumsy; not skillful; awkward; bungling

malady :

illness

♠ **malaise** :

uneasiness; vague feeling of ill health (without any particular pain or appearance of disease)

♠ **malapropism** :

comic misuse of a word; Cf. Mrs. Malaprop

♥ **malapropos** :

inappropriate; ADV.

malcontent :

person dissatisfied with existing state of affairs; discontented person; ADJ: discontented

malediction :

curse

malefactor :

evildoer; criminal

♥ **maleficient** :

doing evil; N. maleficence

malevolent :

wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence

♠ **malfeasance** :

wrongdoing; misconduct (by a public official)

malicious :

hateful; spiteful; expressing malice; N. malice: desire to harm others; spite

malign :

speak evil of; bad-mouth(criticize spitefully); defame; ADJ: harmful; Ex. malign influence

malignant :

tending to cause death; highly injurious; aggressively malevolent; Ex. malignant tumor

malingerer :

one who feigns illness to escape duty; V. malinge: feign illness to avoid work

♠ **malleable** :

(of a metal) capable of being shaped by pounding(beatng); pliable; (of someone) impressionable(easily influenced); easily controlled; tractable

malodorous :

foul-smelling

♥ **compost** :

mixture of decaying organic matter used as fertilizer; V: put or make compost

mammal :

vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young

♥ **vertebrate** :

having a backbone or spinal column; N: group of animals having a segmented spinal column

♥ **suckle** :

give or take milk at the breast or udder

♥ **nurse** :

suckle; take care of (as a nurse); bear in mind; Ex. nursing mother; Ex. nurse a hope/grudge against someone

mammoth :

gigantic; enormous

manacle :

restrain; handcuff; N.

♠ **mandate** :

order; charge; authoritative command; power to govern another country; power to given to a government; region under administration; V: give a mandate to; place under a mandate; Ex. mandated territory

mandatory :

obligatory; compulsory; of a mandate

♠ **mangy** :

shabby; wretched; suffering from mange; of bad appearance

♡ **mange** :

skin disease (esp. of domestic animals) marked by loss of hair

maniacal :

raging mad; insane; N. maniac: insane person; CF. mania: disorder of the mind; intense enthusiasm

manifest :

evident; visible; obvious; V: show plainly

♠ **manifestation** :

outward demonstration; manifesting; indication of the presence of something; Ex. manifestation of his pronounced musical bent

♡ **pronounced** :

distinct; very noticeable; Ex. pronounced limp

manifesto :

public declaration of principles; statement of policy

♠ **manifold** :

many in number or kind; numerous; varied

♠ **manipulate** :

operate with one's hands; control or play upon (people, forces, etc.) artfully; maneuver; Ex. how to manipulate publicity and men; ADJ. manipulative

♠ **mannered** :

affected; not natural; Ex. mannered way of speech

♡ **mannerism** :

distinctive behavioral trait; affected style in art (according to a set of styles)

♠ **manumit** :

emancipate; free from slavery or bondage

marital :

pertaining to marriage

♠ **maritime** :

bordering on (adjacent to) the sea; nautical; of the ships or the sea; Ex. Maritime Provinces

marked :

noticeable; targeted for vengeance or attack; Ex. marked improvement / man

♠ **marred** :

damaged; disfigured; V. mar: spoil; disfigure

♠ **marshal** :

put in order; guide ceremoniously to the correct place; Ex. marshal the children into the museum; N: military officer; official

♡ **enlist** :

(cause to) join the armed forces; obtain (help, sympathy, or support)

♠ **marsupial** :

one of a family of mammals that nurse their offspring in a pouch (pocket of skin or leather); CF. kangaroo, opossum, wombat

martial :

warlike; of war; Ex. martial art/law

♡ **cadet** :

student at a military school

♠ **martinet** :

strict disciplinarian; person who demands total obedience to rules and orders; CF. Jean Martinet

martyr :

one who voluntarily suffers death for his or her religion or cause; great sufferer; Ex. martyr to his rheumatism

masochist :

person who enjoys his own pain; CF. masochism

♠ **masticate** :

chew

materialism :

preoccupation with physical comforts and things; excessive regard for worldly concerns (rather than spiritual matters)

maternal :

motherly; N. maternity: motherhood

matriarch :

woman who rules a family or larger social group

♠ **matriculate** :

enroll (in college or graduate school); CF. matrix

♠ **matrix** :

point of origin; array of numbers or algebraic symbols; mold or die; Ex. the matrix of Western civilization

♠ **maudlin** :

effusively sentimental

♡ **sentimental** :

swayed by sentiment; appealing to the sentiments

♠ **maul** :

handle roughly; batter; injure by beating; Ex. mauled by his overexcited fans; N: heavy long-handled hammer

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♠ **mausoleum** :

monumental tomb; large stately tomb; CF. Mausolos

♠ **mauve** :

pale purple

♠ **maverick** :

rebel; nonconformist (in a group)

♠ **mawkish** :

mushy(sentimental) and gushy; icky-sticky sentimental; excessively and objectionably sentimental

maxim :

proverb; truth pithily stated

♠ **mayhem** :

injury to body; crime of willfully maiming or crippling a person; violent disorder; Ex. mayhem in the zoo; CF. maim

meager :

scanty; inadequate

♠ **mealmouthed** :

indirect in speech (when something unpleasant must be said); hypocritical; evasive

♠ **meander** :

wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and idly

♠ **meddlesome** :

interfering; V. meddle: interfere

mediate :

settle a dispute through the services of an outsider; act as an intermediary; produce by mediating; Ex. mediate a cease-fire

♡ **intermediary** :

intermediate; acting as a mediator; N: mediator; go-between

mediocre :

ordinary; commonplace; neither good nor bad

meditation :

reflection; thought; V. meditate

medium :

element that is a creature's natural environment; nutrient setting in which microorganisms are cultivated; appropriate occupation or means of expression; channel of communication; compromise; middle position between extremes; intervening substance through which something else is transmitted

♠ **medley** :

mixture

♠ **meek** :

submissive; patient and long-suffering

♡ **suitor** :

man who is courting a woman

♠ **megalomania** :

mania for doing grandiose things; mental disorder characterized by delusions of wealth, power, or importance

melancholy :

gloomy; morose; blue; N. ADJ. melancholic; CF. melancholia

♡ **blue** :

gloomy; depressed

melee :

fight

♠ **mellifluous** :

(of words or a voice) sweetly or smoothly flowing; melodious; having a pleasant tune

♠ **memento** :

token; reminder of the past; keepsake; Ex. memento of your visit

memorialize :

commemorate

♡ **memorial** :

something, such as a monument or holiday, intended to honor the memory of a person or event; ADJ: commemorative

♠ **menagerie** :

collection of wild animals on exhibition; zoo

♠ **mendacious** :

lying; habitually dishonest; N. mendacity

♠ **mendicant** :

beggar; ADJ: living as a beggar

♡ **alms** :

money or goods given to the poor

♠ **menial** :

suitable for servants; lowly; mean; N: someone who does menial work (esp. servant in a house)

♠ **mentor** :

counselor; teacher

♠ **mercantile** :

concerning trade or merchants

mercenary :

motivated solely by money or gain; N.

♠ **mercurial** :

capricious; quick and changing; fickle; containing the element mercury; Ex. mercurial temper; CF. mood

♡ **quicksilver** :

mercury

♠ **meretricious** :

flashy; tawdry; attractive on the surface but of no real value; Ex. meretricious argument/jewel; CF. prostitute

♡ **vulgar** :

of the common people; deficient in refinement; not refined; coarse; Ex. vulgar display of wealth; N. vulgarity; crudely indecent word; CF. vulgarian: vulgar person; boor; lout

♠ **merger** :

combination (of two business corporations); act of merging

♠ **mesmerize** :

hypnotize; N. mesmerism; CF. Franz Mesmer

♠ **metallurgical** :

pertaining to the art of removing metals from ores; N. metallurgy: science that deals with extracting metals from ores

□ **metamorphosis** :

change of form; Ex. metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly; V. metamorphose: change by metamorphosis

□ **metaphor** :

implied comparison; CF. simile

♥ **soar** :

rise or fly high in the air; Ex. The rocket soared into the sky.

□ **metaphysical** :

pertaining to speculative philosophy; of metaphysics; N. metaphysics: branch of philosophy that examines the nature of reality

♠ **mete** :

measure; distribute; administer; Ex. mete out justice/punishment

□ **meteoric** :

like a meteor; swift; momentarily brilliant; Ex. meteoric rise to fame; N. meteor

□ **methodical** :

systematic; N. method: systematic method of procedure

□ **meticulous** :

excessively careful (with great attention to detail); painstaking; scrupulous

□ **metropolis** :

large city

♠ **mettle** :

courage (to continue bravely in spite of difficulties); spirit; ADJ. mettlesome

♠ **miasma** :

swamp gas; heavy vaporous atmosphere often emanating from decaying matter; pervasive corrupting influence; noxious atmosphere or influence

♥ **swamp** :

wetland; marsh; V. flood; overwhelm, drench in with liquid

□ **microcosm** :

small representative world; world in miniature; Ex. microcosm of English society

♥ **miniature** :

small model; small painting; ADJ: small

□ **migrant** :

changing its habitat; wandering; Ex. migrant birds/workers; N: one that migrates

□ **migratory** :

wandering; V. migrate: move from one region and settle in another; move periodically from one region to another

♠ **milieu** :

social environment; means of expression; Ex. feel out of one's milieu; Ex. His proper milieu is watercolor.

□ **militant** :

combative; bellicose; N.

♠ **militate** :

work against; Ex. militate against the chances of promotion; CF. serve as a soldier

♥ **militia** :

army composed of ordinary citizens rather than professional soldiers

□ **millennium** :

thousand-year period (as in the New Testament); hoped-for period of happiness and prosperity

□ **mimicry** :

imitation

♥ **mime** :

pantomime(act without dialogue); mimicry; mimer; V: mimic; pantomime

♠ **minatory** :

menacing; threatening

♠ **mincing** :

affectedly dainty(delicate); V. mince: cut (esp. meat) into very small pieces; walk with exaggerated primness; walk in an unnatural way, taking little short steps; Ex. The actor minced across the stage; CF. mincemeat; CF. mincer

♡ **dainty** :

delicate; delicately beautiful; fastidious; not easy to please; Ex. dainty movement/dress

♡ **exquisite** :

delicate; very finely made; extremely beautiful; Ex. exquisite piece of jewelry

♡ **choice** :

delicate; of very fine quality

♠ **minion** :

servile dependent; obsequious follower

♠ **minuscule(miniscule)** :

extremely small

□ **minute** :

extremely small; CF. minutes: official record of the proceedings at a meeting

♠ **minutiae** :

petty or trivial details; CF. minutia

□ **mirage** :

unreal reflection; optical illusion

♠ **mire** :

entangle; stick in swampy ground; stick or sink in mire; N: bog; deep mud; Ex. sucked deeper into the mire

♠ **mirth** :

merriment; laughter

♠ **misadventure** :

mischance; ill luck; Ex. death by misadventure

□ **misanthrope** :

one who hates mankind; misanthropist

♡ **vile** :

despicable; unpleasant; disgusting; Ex. vile slander

□ **misapprehension** :

error; misunderstanding; V. misapprehend

□ **miscellany** :

mixture of writings on various subjects; collection of various items

♡ **miscellaneous** :

made up of a variety of parts

♠ **mischance** :

ill luck

□ **misconstrue** :

interpret incorrectly; misinterpret; misjudge

♠ **miscreant** :

wretch; wrongdoer; villain; Ex. kindness to the miscreant; CF. believe

♡ **wretch** :

miserable person; bad or despicable person; ADJ. wretched: miserable; bad; contemptible; vile

□ **misdeemeanor** :

minor crime; misdeed; wrongdoing

♡ **misconduct** :

immoral behavior; bad management; V.

□ **miserly** :

stingy; mean

♠ **misgivings** :

doubts

♠ **mishap** :

unfortunate accident

♠ **misnomer** :

wrong or improper name; incorrect designation

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□ **misogamy** :

hatred of marriage

□ **misogynist** :

hater of woman; CF. misogyny

□ **missile** :

object to be thrown or projected

♠ **missive** :

letter; written statement; CF. sent

♠ **mite** :

very small object or insect-like creature; small coin

□ **mitigate** :

appease; moderate; make or become less in force or intensity

♠ **mnemonic** :

pertaining to memory; assisting the memory; N: device, such as formula or rhyme, used as a mnemonic aid

□ **mobile** :

movable; not fixed; N. mobility

♠ **mock** :

ridicule; deride; imitate often in derision

□ **mode** :

prevailing style; current fashion; manner; way of doing something; Ex. in the latest mode; Ex. simple mode of life

♠ **modicum** :

limited quantity; small amount; Ex. He does not have a modicum of sense; CF. moderate

♠ **modish** :

fashionable; conforming to the current fashion

♠ **modulate** :

tone down in intensity; change the intensity or tone of; regulate; change from one musical key to another; Ex. modulate from E to G

♠ **mogul** :

powerful person; Ex. oil moguls; CF. Mogol, Moghul; CF. Mongolian

□ **molecule** :

the smallest particle (one or more atoms) of a substance that has all the properties of that substance

♠ **mollify** :

soothe an angry person

♠ **mollycoddle** :

pamper; coddle; baby; indulge excessively

♠ **molt(moult)** :

periodically shed or cast off hairs or feathers (for replacement by a new growth)

♠ **molten** :

melted; Ex. molten lava

□ **momentous** :

very important; N. moment; CF. momentary

□ **momentum** :

quantity of motion of a moving body; impetus; moving force

□ **monarchy** :

government under a single ruler

□ **monastic** :

related to monks or monasteries; removed from worldly concerns

□ **monetary** :

pertaining to money

monochromatic :

having only one color

♡ **monochrome** :

painting in only one color; ADJ.

♡ **monogram** :

design composed of one or more initials of a name; V.

♡ **monograph** :

scholarly article

♠ **monolithic** :

solidly uniform; unchangeable; unyielding; N. monolith: large block of stone

monotheism :

belief in one God

monotony :

sameness leading to boredom; monotonousness; ADJ. monotonous; CF. monotone

♠ **monumental** :

massive; impressively large; built as a monument

♠ **moodiness** :

fits of depression or gloom; ADJ. moody: given to changeable moods; subject to periods of depression; gloomy

CF. mood: state of mind or emotion

♠ **moratorium** :

legal delay of payment or action; Ex. declare moratorium on the building of new houses

♠ **morbid** :

given to unwholesome or unhealthy thought; moody; characteristic of disease; Ex. morbid curiosity; N. morbidity; CF. disease

♠ **mordant** :

biting; sarcastic; stinging; (apprec.) incisive; cutting; Ex. mordant pen/wit

♠ **mores** :

conventions; moral standards; moral customs

♠ **moribund** :

dying; at the point of death; CF. death

♠ **morose** :

ill-humored; sullen; sullenly melancholy

♠ **mortician** :

undertaker; CF. death

♡ **undertaker** :

funeral director; one whose business is to arrange burials

♠ **mortify** :

humiliate by embarrassing excessively; shame; punish the flesh; discipline (one's body) by self-denial; Ex. mortified by her blunder; Ex. mortify the flesh; CF. cause to die

mosaic :

picture made of small colorful inlaid tiles; ADJ.

♠ **mote** :

small speck (esp. of dust)

♡ **speck** :

small piece or mark; Ex. speck of dust in the eye

♠ **motif** :

theme; recurrent thematic element in a musical or literary work; single or repeated pattern; figure

♠ **motility** :

ability to move spontaneously; ADJ. motile: moving spontaneously

♠ **motley** :

multi-colored (as of a garment worn by a jester); mixed; heterogeneous; CF. jester: one who jests (as a paid fool at medieval courts)

♡ **motto** :

brief statement used to express a principle

♠ **mottled** :

blotched in coloring; spotted; Ex. mottled face; V. mottle: mark with blotches of different colors

♥ **blotch** :

spot; blot; CF. blot+botch

♥ **blemish** :

mar; spoil the beauty or perfection of; N: flaw or defect (that spoils perfection); Ex. blemishes in the crystal; CF. unblemished

♠ **mountebank** :

charlatan; boastful pretender

♥ **peddle** :

travel about selling (wares); CF. foot

♠ **muddle** :

confuse; mix up confusedly; N: state of confusion

♠ **muggy** :

(of weather) warm and damp

♠ **mulct** :

defraud a person of something; swindle; Ex. mulct the boy of his legacy

♠ **multifarious** :

varied; greatly diversified; Ex. multifarious activities

□ **multiform** :

having many forms

□ **multilingual** :

having many languages; fluent in several languages

□ **multiplicity** :

state of being numerous or multiple; large number; Ex. multiplicity of details; ADJ. multiple: of more than one element

♠ **mundane** :

worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday; of the ordinary; Ex. mundane existence; CF. world

♠ **munificent** :

very generous in giving; Ex. munificent benefactor; N. munificence

♠ **mural** :

wall painting

♠ **murky** :

dark and gloomy; thick with fog; vague; Ex. murky night/fog; N. murk: partial or complete darkness; gloom

♠ **muse** :

ponder at length; N: source of inspiration (esp. of a poet)

♠ **musky** :

having the odor of musk; N. musk: odorous substance secreted by an Asian deer

♠ **muster** :

gather; assemble (troops); Ex. muster up one's strength for the ordeal; N.

♠ **musty** :

stale (in odor or taste); spoiled by age; CF. moist

□ **mutability** :

ability to change in form; fickleness; ADJ. mutable: able to change; fickle; CF. mutate; CF. mutant

□ **muted** :

silent; muffled; toned down; Ex. muted traffic noise

♥ **mute** :

silent; without speech; not pronounced; unable to speak; N: one who is incapable of speech; V: soften the sound, color, shade of

♠ **mutilate** :

maim; injure lastingly; deprive of a limb or an essential part

♠ **mutinous** :

unruly; rebellious; Ex. mutinous teenagers; N. mutiny: open rebellion; CF. mutineer

♠ **myopic** :

nearsighted; lacking foresight; N. myopia

♠ **myriad** :

very large number; ADJ. CF. ten thousand

♠ **nadir** :

lowest point; point on the celestial sphere diametrically opposite the zenith

☐ **naiveté(naivety)** :

quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility; ADJ. naive(naïve): ingenuous; lacking worldliness; simple; credulous

☐ **narcissist** :

conceited person; N. narcissism; CF. narcissus

☐ **narrative** :

related to telling a story; N: narrated account; story; V. narrate: tell (a story); CF. narration

♠ **nascent** :

incipient; coming into being or existence; Ex. nascent ability in music

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☐ **natation** :

swimming

♠ **natty** :

neatly or smartly dressed; dapper; smart; Ex. natty dresser

♡ **smart** :

intelligent; quick and energetic; fashionable; Ex. smart pace/restaurant; V. cause or feel a sharp pain; N: smarting pain

☐ **nauseate** :

cause to become sick; fill with disgust; fill nausea

♡ **nausea** :

feeling of sickness and desire to vomit; disgust; CF. seasickness

♡ **nauseous** :

causing nausea; feeling nausea

☐ **nautical** :

pertaining to ships or navigation

♠ **navigable** :

(of a body of water) wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; (of a ship or aircraft) able to be steered

♠ **nebulous** :

vague; hazy; cloudy; of a nebula; Ex. nebulous proposal

♡ **nebula** :

diffuse mass of interstellar dust or gas; galaxy

♠ **necromancy** :

black magic; sorcery; dealings with the dead; art that professes to communicate with the spirits of the dead so as to predict the future; CF. necromancer; CF. necro+divination; CF. necro-: death; Ex. necropolis

♠ **nefarious** :

very wicked

☐ **negate** :

cancel out; nullify; cause to have no effect; deny; N. negation

☐ **negligence** :

neglect; failure to take reasonable care; ADJ. negligent: neglectful; lax; not taking enough care

☐ **negligible** :

so small, trifling, or unimportant as to be easily disregarded

☐ **nemesis** :

someone seeking revenge; source of downfall or ruin; CF. Nemesis

♠ **neologism** :

new or newly coined word or phrase

♠ **neophyte** :

recent convert; new member of a religious group; beginner; CF. plant

♠ **nepotism** :

favoritism (to a relative); CF. nephew

♡ **favoritism** :

display of partiality toward a favored person

♠ **nether** :

lower; Ex. nether garments/regions

♠ **nettle** :

irritate; annoy; vex; ADJ. nettlesome

♠ **nexus** :

connection

♠ **nib** :

beak(bill); pen point

♠ **nicety** :

precision; accuracy; minute distinction or difference; Ex. to a nicety: exactly; precisely; Ex. distinguish between niceties

♠ **niggardly** :

meanly stingy; parsimonious; N. niggard: stingy person

♠ **niggle** :

spend too much time on minor points (esp. when finding fault); find fault; Ex. niggle over details; ADJ. niggling

♠ **nihilist** :

one who considers traditional beliefs to be groundless and existence meaningless; absolute skeptic; revolutionary terrorist; CF. nihilism: belief that nothing has meaning or value; belief that destruction of existing political or social institutions is necessary for future improvement

♠ **nip** :

snip off; stop something's growth or development; bite; make numb with cold; Ex. nip the plan; Ex. A guard dog nipped the postman; Ex. fingers nipped by the extreme chill

♡ **snip** :

short quick cut with scissors; V: cut with scissors

♡ **pinch** :

squeeze between the thumb and a finger, or other edges; Ex. I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming. N: amount that can be held between the thumb and a finger

♠ **nirvana** :

in Buddhist teachings, the ideal state in which the individual loses himself in the attainment of an impersonal beatitude

♡ **impersonal** :

not being a person; not showing personal feelings; Ex. impersonal force/manner/organization

□ **nocturnal** :

done or active at night; Ex. nocturnal animals/raids; CF. nocturne

♠ **noisome** :

foul smelling; very unpleasant; unwholesome

□ **nomadic** :

wandering; N. nomad: tribe who migrates from place to place

□ **nomenclature** :

terminology(system of specialized words); system of names or naming things

□ **nominal** :

in name only; of a name; trifling; (of a sum of money) very small; CF. nominate: propose as a candidate; appoint

♠ **nonchalance** :

indifference; lack of concern; composure; ADJ. nonchalant: unconcerned; cool; indifferent; Ex. nonchalant attitude to his debts

□ **noncommittal** :

neutral; refusing commitment to a particular opinion; unpledged; undecided

♠ **nondescript** :

undistinctive; ordinary; ordinary-looking; Ex. nondescript fellow in a crowd

□ **nonentity** :

person of no importance; nonexistence

♠ **nonplus** :

put at a loss; bring to a halt by confusion; perplex; CF. no more

□ **nostalgia** :

homesickness; longing for the past; Ex. nostalgia for the clothes of 1920s; ADJ. nostalgic

♠ **nostrum** :

questionable medicine; quack medicine; CF. our (remedy)

notable :

conspicuous; worthy of note; remarkable; important; distinguished; noted

notoriety :

disrepute; ill fame

♥ **nova** :

star that suddenly becomes much brighter and then returns to its original brightness

♠ **novelty** :

something new; newness; ADJ. novel: new; original

novice :

beginner

noxious :

harmful; CF. obnoxious

♠ **nuance** :

shade of slight difference in meaning or color; subtle distinction

♥ **shade** :

slight difference in degree; nuance; degree of color; Ex. shades of meaning/grey

♥ **gradation** :

series of gradual stages; degree in such a progression

♠ **nubile** :

marriageable; of marriageable age; CF. connubial

♠ **nugatory** :

worthless; futile

nullify :

make invalid; make null; invalidate

♠ **numismatist** :

person who collects coins; N. numismatics: study or collection of money, coins, and medals

♠ **nuptial** :

related to marriage or the wedding ceremony; N. nuptials: wedding ceremony

♠ **nurture** :

nourish; feed; educate; rear; care for while it is growing or developing; foster; cultivate; N: something that nourishes; rearing

♠ **nutrient** :

nourishing substance; ADJ: providing nourishment

♥ **nutrition** :

process of nourishing or being nourished; CF. malnutrition

♥ **nutritious** :

providing nourishment

♥ **nourish** :

provide with food necessary for life and growth

♥ **nourishment** :

something that nourishes; food

♠ **oaf** :

stupid awkward person; CF. elf

obdurate :

stubborn; refusing to change one's belief

obeisance :

bow (to show respect and obedience)

obelisk :

tall column tapering(becoming gradually narrower toward the end) and ending in a pyramid

obese :

excessively fat; N. obesity

♠ **obfuscate** :

confuse; muddle; cause confusion; make needlessly complex; make so confused as to be difficult to understand

♠ **obituary** :

death notice (esp. in a newspaper); ADJ.

objective :

not influenced by emotions; fair; N: goal; aim

obligatory :

binding; required; compulsory; V. oblige: constrain; make grateful; do a favor; accommodate

oblique :

indirect; slanting (deviating from the perpendicular or from a straight line); Ex. oblique reference

obliterate :

destroy completely; wipe out; Ex. obliterate the village

oblivion :

obscurity; condition of being completely forgotten; forgetfulness

♠ **oblivious** :

inattentive or unmindful; unaware; wholly absorbed; forgetful(having the habit of forgetting)

obloquy :

slander; disgrace; infamy

♠ **obnoxious** :

offensive; disagreeable; Ex. obnoxious smell

obscure :

dark; vague; unclear; not well known; Ex. obscure meaning/village; V. darken; cover; make unclear; Ex. obscure the moon/meaning

obsequious :

slavishly attentive; servile; full of servile compliance; sycophantic

♥ **slavish** :

of or like a slave; servile; showing no originality; copied very closely; Ex. slavish devotion/copy of the original

obsequy :

funeral ceremony

obsessive :

related to thinking about something constantly; of an obsession; preoccupying; N. obsession: compulsive pre-occupation with a fixed idea; compulsive idea; V. obsess: preoccupy the mind of excessively

obsidian :

black volcanic rock

♥ **scion** :

detached plant shoot used in grafting; descendant

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obsolete :

outmoded; no longer used

obstetrician :

physician specializing in delivery(assisting in giving birth) of babies; N. obstetrics; CF. midwife

obstinate :

stubborn; hard to control or treat; Ex. obstinate cough; N. obstinacy

obstreperous :

boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable

♠ **obtrude** :

push (oneself or one's ideas) forward or intrude; impose (oneself or one's ideas) on others; butt in; stick out or extrude; thrust out; Ex. obtrude A on B; ADJ. obtrusive; N. obtrusion; CF. unobtrusive

obtuse :

blunt; not sharp; stupid; slow in understanding

obviate :

make unnecessary; get rid of; Ex. obviate the need

Occident :

the West

♠ **occlude** :

shut; close; obstruct; Ex. A blood clot occluded an artery.

occult :

mysterious; secret; supernatural; beyond human comprehension; CF. mysterious to human ?; OP. bare

oculist :

physician who specializes in treatment of the eyes

♠ **odious** :

arousing strong dislike; hateful(causing hatred); vile

♠ **odium** :

detestation; quality of being odious; hatefulness; disrepute (resulting from hateful conduct)

♠ **odoriferous** :

giving off an odor

odorous :

having an odor

♠ **odyssey** :

long, eventful, adventurous journey

offensive :

attacking; insulting; distasteful; V. offend: violate; hurt the feelings of; N. offense: offending; violating of a moral or social code; crime; attack; Ex. first offense

offhand :

casual; done without prior thought or preparation

♠ **officious** :

meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one's services; overly eager in offering unwanted services or advices;
Ex. officious bellboy

♥ **pushy** :

disagreeably aggressive

♠ **ogle** :

look at amorously; make eyes at; Ex. old men ogling young girls

♠ **olfactory** :

concerning the sense of smell

oligarchy :

government by a privileged few

ominous :

threatening; of an evil omen

♥ **threat** :

sign or warning (of coming danger); Ex. threat of rain; V. express a threat; give warning of (something bad); Ex. The cloud threatens rain.

omnipotent :

all-powerful; having unlimited power

omnipresent :

universally present; ubiquitous

omniscient :

all-knowing

omnivorous :

eating both plant and animal food; devouring everything

♠ **onerous** :

burdensome

♠ **onomatopoeia** :

words formed in imitation of natural sounds

♥ **rustle** :

make slight sounds like silk moving or being rubbed together

onslaught :

vicious assault; fierce attack; Ex. unexpected onslaught of the enemy

♥ **slaughter** :

killing of animals for food; massacre; V. butcher (animals) for food; kill in large numbers

♠ **onus** :

burden; responsibility

♥ **spare** :

give; use; refrain from harming; save from experiencing; exempt; Ex. spare me 5 minutes; Ex. Take this money and spare my life; Ex. The emperor was spared the onus; ADJ: kept in reserve; free for other use; unoccupied; Ex. spare time

♠ **opalescent** :

iridescent; lustrous; like an opal; N. opalescence

□ **opaque** :

dark; not transparent; N. opacity

□ **opiate** :

medicine to induce sleep or deaden pain; something that relieves emotions or causes inaction; sleep-producing drug containing opium

□ **opportune** :

timely; well-chosen

□ **opportunist** :

individual who sacrifices principles for expediency by taking advantage of circumstances; N. opportunism

♠ **opprobrium** :

infamy; disgrace arising from shameful conduct; vilification(slander); scorn; contempt; Ex. opprobrium hurled against him; ADJ. opprobrious: expressing contempt; shameful or infamous

□ **optician** :

maker and seller of eyeglasses

□ **optimist** :

person who looks on the bright side; N. optimism

□ **optimum** :

most favorable; optimal; N: most favorable condition

□ **optional** :

not compulsory; left to one's choice; N. option: act of choosing; choice; freedom or power to choose; something available as a choice; Ex. have no option; Ex. two options

□ **optometrist** :

one who fits glasses to remedy visual defects

□ **opulence** :

extreme wealth; luxuriousness; abundance; ADJ. opulent: possessing great wealth; abundant

♠ **opus** :

work (esp. musical composition); Ex. magnum opus: masterpiece; CF. opera

♠ **oracular** :

of an oracle; prophetic; uttered as if with divine authority; mysterious or ambiguous; hard to understand; N. oracle: wiser person; prophecy made by an oracle

□ **orator** :

public speaker

□ **oratorio** :

dramatic poem set to music; long musical work with singing but without acting; CF. cantata

♠ **ordain** :

decree or command; grant holy orders; predestine; install as a minister, priest, or rabbi; N. ordainment; CF. ordination

□ **ordeal** :

severe trial or affliction; difficult experience; trial(test of patience or endurance); affliction

□ **ordinance** :

decree; authoritative order

♠ **ordination** :

ceremony conferring holy orders; ceremony of ordaining a priest

♠ **orgy** :

wild drunken revelry; unrestrained indulgence in an activity; Ex. orgy of shopping

□ **orient** :

get one's bearings; adjust; make familiar with a situation; orientate

□ **orientation** :

act of finding oneself in society; orienting

♠ **orifice** :

mouthlike opening; small opening (esp. to a cavern or passage of the body); CF. mouth

ornate :

excessively or elaborately decorated

♠ **ornithologist** :

scientific student of birds; N. ornithology: scientific study of birds

orthodox :

traditional; (of someone) conservative in belief; adhering to an established doctrine

♠ **orthography** :

correct spelling; CF. ortho-: straight; correct; Ex. orthodontics

oscillate :

vibrate pendulumlike; waver

♠ **osseous** :

made of bone; bony

♠ **ossify** :

change or harden into bone; become hard and unchanging in one's ideas

ostensible :

apparent; appearing as such; professed (pretended); pretended; Ex. ostensible purpose of the expedition

♡ **apparent** :

evident; easily seen or understood; appearing as such; Ex. apparent improvement

♠ **ostentatious** :

showy; trying to attract attention; pretentious; N. ostentation: showy display

♠ **ostracize** :

banish from a group; exclude from public favor; ban; Ex. His friends ostracized him. N. ostracism

♡ **blackball** :

vote against (an applicant); ostracize; N. negative vote

♠ **oust** :

expel; drive out; force out; N. ouster: ousting

outlandish :

bizarre; peculiar; unconventional

outmoded :

no longer in fashion or use; no longer stylish; old-fashioned

♠ **outskirts** :

fringes; outer borders (as of a city); Ex. outskirts of Boston

outspoken :

candid; blunt

♡ **blunt** :

having a dull edge; abrupt and frank in speech or manner; brusque; V. make or become blunt

♠ **outstrip** :

outrun; surpass; outdo

outwit :

outsmart; defeat by behaving more cleverly

♠ **ovation** :

enthusiastic applause

overbearing :

bossy; domineering and arrogant; decisively important; Ex. overbearing manner/importance; V. overbear:

dominate

overt :

open to view; public; not secret; CF. covert

♠ **overweening** :

arrogant; presumptuous

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♠ **overwrought** :

nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought-up; CF. wrought: made or done

♡ **hysteria** :

excessive or uncontrollable excitement; N. hysteric: person suffering from hysteria; CF. hysterics: attack of hysteria

□ **ovoid** :

egg-shaped; CF. ovum; CF. ovulate

□ **pachyderm** :

thick-skinned animal

□ **pacifist** :

one opposed to force; antimilitarist; ADJ. N. pacifism: opposition to war as a means of resolving disputes

□ **pacify** :

soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue; bring peace to

♠ **paean** :

song of praise or joy; Ex. paeans celebrating the victory

♠ **painstaking** :

taking pains; showing hard work; taking great care; very careful and thorough

♠ **palatable** :

agreeable; pleasing to the taste

♠ **palate** :

roof of the mouth; sense of the taste

♠ **palatial** :

of or suitable for a palace; magnificent

♠ **paleontology** :

study of prehistoric life or fossils; CF. paleo-: ancient or prehistoric; Ex. paleography: study of ancient written documents

□ **palette** :

board on which painter mixes pigments(coloring matters)

♠ **palimpsest** :

parchment or piece of writing material used for second time after original writing has been erased

♡ **parchment** :

writing material made from the skin of a sheep or goat

♠ **pall** :

become boring; grow tiresome

♠ **pallet** :

small poor bed; Ex. straw pallet

♠ **palliate** :

ease pain (without curing); make less severe or offensive (a crime or illness)

♠ **pallid** :

pale; wan; Ex. pallid complexion

□ **palpable** :

tangible; (of something bad) easily perceptible; obvious; Ex. palpable blunder

♠ **palpitate** :

throb; beat rapidly; flutter; tremble; Ex. Her heart began to palpitate.

♡ **throb** :

(of a heart or machine) beat rapidly or violently; N. Ex. hearthrob: heartbeat; sweetheart

♠ **paltry** :

insignificant; petty; trifling; contemptible; Ex. paltry sum; CF. trash

♠ **pan** :

criticize harshly

□ **panacea** :

cure-all; remedy for all diseases

♠ **panache** :

flair; manner of doing things without any difficulty (causing admiration); flamboyance; bunch of feathers (on a helmet); Ex. with great panache; CF. 잔 아래로 깃을 빼내는 솜씨

□ **pandemic** :

widespread; affecting the majority of people; N: pandemic disease; CF. all people

pandemonium :

wild tumult(commotion); wild noisy disorder; CF. Paradise Lost

♠ **pander** :

cater to (the low desires of others)

♡ **cater** :

provide food and drink (for); cater to: try to satisfy (desires of a bad kind)

♠ **panegyric** :

formal praise; encomium; Ex. I don't deserve such panegyrics.

panoramic :

denoting an unobstructed and comprehensive view; N. panorama: unbroken view of a wide area

pantomime :

acting without dialogue; V.

papyrus :

ancient paper made from stem of papyrus plant

♠ **parable** :

short simple story teaching a moral

paradigm :

model; example that serves as a model; pattern; list of all the inflectional forms of a word

paradox :

something apparently contradictory in nature (that may nonetheless be true); statement that looks false but is actually correct

paragon :

model of perfection; Ex. paragon of virtue

parallelism :

state of being parallel; similarity; analogy

♡ **parallel** :

similar; analogous; corresponding; N: parallel line; person or thing that is parallel (to another); similarity; Ex. know of no parallel to the case; Ex. without parallel; V: be similar to; make parallel; Ex. Your experience parallels mine; CF. unparallelled

♠ **parameter** :

limit; independent variable; Ex. parameters of the problem; Ex. within the parameters of the budget

paramount :

foremost in importance; supreme; CF. para-: beyond; above; Ex. paranormal

paramour :

illicit lover

♡ **inamorata** :

woman whom a man loves

paranoia :

psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur or persecution; N: ADJ: paranoid, paranoiac

paraphernalia :

equipment; odds and ends used in a particular activity; personal belongings; Ex. photographic paraphernalia; CF. married woman's property exclusive of her dowry

♡ **dowry** :

money or property brought by a bride to her husband at marriage

paraphrase :

restate a passage in one's own words while retaining thought of author; N: restatement of a text in other words

parasite :

animal or plant living on another; toady; sycophant; CF. para-: beside

♡ **infest** :

inhabit in numbers large enough to be harmful; Ex. Mice infested the house; Ex. shark-infested waters

♠ **parched** :

extremely dry; very thirsty; V. parch: make or become extremely dry (by exposure to heat)

♠ **pariah** :

social outcast; Ex. Mariah the pariah

♡ **outcast** :

one that has been excluded from a society; ADJ.

□ **parity** :

equality; close resemblance; CF. disparate

♠ **parlance** :

language; manner of speaking; idiom; Ex. in legal/common parlance

♠ **parley** :

conference (between opponents); CF. speak

♠ **parochial** :

narrow in scope or outlook; provincial; related to parishes

♡ **parish** :

area in the care of a single priest and served by one main church

♡ **outlook** :

point of view; view from a particular place; expectation for the future; prospect; Ex. outlook on life; Ex. pleasing outlook; Ex. weather outlook

□ **parody** :

humorous imitation; spoof; takeoff; travesty; V.

♡ **spoof** :

parody

♡ **takeoff** :

burlesque; act of leaving the ground

□ **paroxysm** :

fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage; sudden outburst

♠ **parquet** :

floor made of wood strips inlaid in a mosaic like matter; CF. strip: long narrow piece

□ **parry** :

ward off a blow; deflect; Ex. He parried the unwelcome question very skillfully; N. CF. 막는다는 개념이 아님

♡ **ward** :

administrative division of a city; division in a hospital or prison; incompetent person placed under the protection of a guardian; V: guard; ward off: avert

□ **parsimony** :

stinginess; excessive frugality; ADJ. parsimonious

□ **partial** :

incomplete; favoring one side over another; having a liking for something

□ **partiality** :

state of being partial; inclination; favorable bias; special fondness; preference

♠ **partisan** :

one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party (with dislike of any others); N: strong supporter of a party; guerrilla

♡ **parvenu** :

upstart; newly rich person

□ **partition** :

divide into parts

♠ **passé** :

old-fashioned; past the prime

□ **passive** :

not active; acted upon; receiving an action without acting in return; accepting without resistance

♠ **pastiche** :

imitation of another's style in musical composition or in writing; work of art openly imitating the works of other artists

□ **pastoral** :

rural; of rural life; idyllic; of a pastor

□ **patent** :

obvious; easily seen; open for the public to read; of or protected by a patent; Ex. patent to everyone; N.

□ **pathetic** :

causing sadness, compassion, pity; touching

♥ **touching** :

causing a feeling of pity or sympathy; pathetic; V. touch: cause to feel pity or sympathy; ADJ. touched

□ **pathological** :

pertaining to disease; N. pathology: study of disease

♠ **pathos** :

tender sorrow; pity; quality in art or literature that produces these feelings; Ex. pathos that runs through the novel

♠ **patina** :

green crust on old bronze works or copper; tone slowly taken by varnished painting

♥ **varnish** :

paint used to coat a surface with a glossy film; glossy coating produced by using this substance; Ex. nail varnish; V.

♠ **patois** :

local or provincial dialect

□ **patriarch** :

father and ruler of a family or tribe

♠ **patrician** :

noble; aristocratic; N. person of high rank; aristocrat; CF. member of the governing classes in ancient Rome; CF. plebian

□ **patronize** :

support; act superior toward; treat in a condescending manner; be a customer of; N. patron: one that supports; regular customer; N. patronage; CF. boycott

□ **paucity** :

scarcity; dearth

□ **pauper** :

very poor person

♠ **peccadillo** :

slight offense or fault; CF. sin

♥ **swipe** :

hit with a sweeping motion; N.

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□ **pecuniary** :

pertaining to money

□ **pedagogue** :

teacher; CF. child leader

□ **pedagogy** :

teaching; art of education

♠ **pedant** :

scholar who overemphasizes book learning, trivial details of learning, or technicalities

♠ **pedantic** :

bookish; showing off learning; marked by an excessive ostentatious concern for book learning; N. pedantry

♥ **bookish** :

fond of books and reading

♥ **studious** :

given to diligent study

♠ **pedestrian** :

ordinary; dull; unimaginative(lacking in imagination); going on foot; Ex. pedestrian prose; N.

♥ **precinct** :

division of a city for election or police purposes; precincts: space that surrounds a building; Ex. precincts of the college

♥ **pedigree** :

ancestry; lineage

□ **pediatrician** :

physician specializing in children's diseases; N. pediatrics

□ **peerless** :

having no equal; incomparable

♡ **peer** :

one who has equal standing with another; nobleman; V: look intently; N: peerage; CF: peeress

♠ **pejorative** :

(of a word or phrase) suggesting that someone is of little value; negative in connotation; having a belittling effect; Ex. Many women now considers "housewife" a pejorative expression, because it patronized them.

♠ **pell-mell** :

in confusion; disorderly; Ex. dash pell-mell

♠ **pellucid** :

transparent; limpid(crystal clear); clear in meaning; easy to understand

♠ **penance** :

self-imposed punishment for sin; Ex. do penance for one's sins; CF. penitent

♠ **penchant** :

strong inclination; strong liking (esp. for something that is disapproved of by other people); Ex. penchant for fast cars

□ **pendant(pendent)** :

hanging down from something; pending; N: ornament (hanging from a necklace etc.)

♡ **pending** :

not yet decided or settled; impending; Ex. pending decision; PREP. while awaiting; until; Ex. delay the decision pending his return

♠ **pendulous** :

hanging; suspended

♡ **suspend** :

cause to stop for a period; interrupt; hold in abeyance; defer; hang from above; exclude for a period from a position; Ex. suspended state; Ex. suspend judgment; Ex. suspended from the team; N. suspension

♡ **suspense** :

state of being undecided; anxiety or apprehension resulting from uncertainty

□ **penitent** :

repentant; N.

♠ **pensive** :

dreamily or deeply thoughtful; sadly thoughtful; thoughtful with a hint of sadness; contemplative; CF. think over

♠ **penumbra** :

partial shadow (in an eclipse); CF. almost shadow

□ **penury** :

extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ. penurious: very poor; stingy

♠ **peon** :

landless agricultural worker; bond servant; menial worker; N. peonage

□ **perceptive** :

insightful; showing a good ability at perceiving and understanding; aware; wise; of perception

♠ **percussion** :

striking one object against another sharply; Ex. percussion instrument; N: striking together of two bodies; sound caused by percussion

♠ **perdition** :

damnation; complete ruin; hell

♡ **damn** :

condemn; criticize severely; condemn to everlasting punishment; doom; bring to ruin; N. damnation

♡ **doom** :

condemnation to a severe penalty; ruin; fate (esp. a tragic or ruinous one); V.

□ **peregrination** :

journey; V. peregrinate

♠ **peremptory** :

demanding and leaving no choice; imperative; Ex. peremptory decree/knock

□ **perennial** :

something long-lasting; perennial plant; ADJ: lasting through the year or many years; lasting for a long time; enduring

□ **perfidious** :

treacherous; disloyal; N. perfidy: treachery

perforate :

pierce; put a hole through

perfunctory :

done routinely and with little care; superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm; Ex. perfunctory kiss

perigee :

point of moon's orbit when it is nearest the earth; CF. apogee

perimeter :

outer boundary; length of the outer boundary; circumference

♡ **bound** :

leap or spring; limit or confine; constitute the limit of; Ex. bounded by Canada; N: leap or jumping; boundary; ADJ: certain; having a duty to do something (legally or morally); confined by bonds; Ex. We are bound to be late; Ex. I am bound to say my opinion; CF. bounce, rebound

♠ **peripatetic** :

walking about from place to place (to work); moving; Ex. peripatetic school of philosophy

♠ **peripheral** :

of a periphery; marginal; outer; of minor importance; not central; Ex. peripheral nerve/interest

♠ **periphery** :

outside edge especially of a round surface; perimeter; Ex. periphery of the town

perjury :

false testimony while under oath; V. perjure oneself: testify falsely under oath

permeable :

that can be permeated; penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through; V. permeate: spread or flow throughout; charge

♠ **pernicious** :

very harmful; deadly; very destructive; Ex. pernicious effect/anemia

♠ **peroration** :

conclusion of an oration; perorating; V. perorate: conclude a speech; speak at great length

♠ **perpetrate** :

commit an offense; do (something wrong)

perpetual :

everlasting

perpetuate :

make perpetual; make something last for a long time; preserve from extinction; N. perpetuity

♠ **perquisite(perk)** :

any gain above stipulated salary; Ex. perquisites such as free meals and a car

♠ **personable** :

attractive (in personality or appearance)

perspicacious :

(of someone) having insight; penetrating; astute

perspicuity :

clearness of expression; freedom from ambiguity

perspicuous :

(of something) plainly expressed; easy to understand; Ex. perspicuous comments

♠ **pert** :

(esp. of a girl or young woman) impertinent; forward; trim; jaunty; Ex. pert young miss/hat

♡ **forward** :

presumptuous or bold

pertinacious :

holding tenaciously to an action; stubborn; persistent

pertinent :

suitable; to the point; relevant

perturb :

disturb greatly

♠ **peruse** :

read through with care; N. perusal

□ **pervasive** :

spread throughout; V. pervade: (of smells, ideas, feelings) spread throughout; charge; permeate

♠ **perverse** :

purposely continuing to do something wrong; stubbornly wrongheaded; perverted; directed away from what is right; wicked and unacceptable; Ex. perverse satisfaction; Ex. Hannibal Lecter in a perverse mood; N. perversity

□ **perversion** :

corruption; turning from right to wrong

♡ **pervert** :

corrupt; turn from right to wrong; misuse; Ex. perverted sexual desire/scientific knowledge; N: person whose sexual behavior is not natural

♡ **wrongheaded** :

stubbornly wrong

□ **pessimism** :

belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess; tendency to take the gloomiest possible view of a situation; ADJ. pessimistic

♠ **pestilential(pestilent)** :

causing plague; tending to cause death; baneful; N. pestilence: fatal epidemic disease (esp. bubonic plague)

♠ **pestle** :

tool for mashing or grinding substances in a hard bowl or mortar

♡ **mortar** :

vessel in which substances are crushed with a pestle

♡ **mash** :

crush into mash; convert into mash; N: mixture of ground grain and nutrients fed to livestock and fowl

♠ **petrify** :

turn to stone; cause to become stonelike; stun or paralyze

□ **petty** :

trivial; unimportant; very small; small-minded; petty-minded

♠ **petulant** :

touchy; peevish; ill-tempered

♡ **phalanx** :

formation of infantry carrying overlapping shields and long spears; group of men packed together (for attack or defense)

♠ **pharisaical** :

pertaining to the Pharisees, who paid scrupulous attention to tradition; self-righteous; hypocritical

♡ **pharisee** :

Pharisee: member of an ancient Jewish group that emphasized strict observance of the Mosaic law (considering themselves very holy); hypocritical self-righteous person

♡ **self-righteous** :

sure of one's own righteousness; moralistic

♠ **phenomena** :

observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation; SG. phenomenon: observable fact; very unusual person, thing, or event; marvel; wonder; CF. phenomenons; ADJ. phenomenal: very unusual; extraordinary; of a phenomenon; Ex. phenomenal strength

□ **philanderer** :

faithless lover; flirt

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□ **philanthropist** :

lover of mankind; doer of good; N. philanthropy

♠ **philatelist** :

stamp-collector; N. philately: stamp collecting

♠ **philistine** :

narrow-minded person, uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain; uncultured person who is indifferent to artistic and cultural values; member of an ancient people in Palestine; OP. aesthete

♠ **philology** :

study of language or words

♠ **phlegmatic** :

calm and unexcitable; not easily disturbed; CF. phlegm: sticky mucus produced in the respiratory tract

phobia :

morbid fear

phoenix :

symbol of immortality or rebirth; Ex. phoenix rising from its ashes

♠ **phylum** :

major classification, second to kingdom, of plants and animals; category ranking below a kingdom and above a class; division

♠ **physiognomy** :

face (as showing the character and the mind); art of judging human character from facial features

♠ **physiological** :

pertaining to the science of the function of living organisms; N. physiology

♠ **piebald** :

of different colors; mottled; spotted in different colors (esp. in black and white); Ex. piebald horse; CF. pie+bal

♠ **piecemeal** :

one part at a time; gradually; in stages; Ex. read a novel piecemeal

♠ **pied** :

piebald; variegated(many-colored), multicolored

piety :

devoutness; reverence for God; ADJ. pious

♠ **pigment** :

coloring matter (usually powder to be mixed with water or oil)

pillage :

plunder

pillory :

punish by placing in a wooden frame or pillory; subject or expose to criticism and ridicule; N.

♠ **pine** :

long for; yearn; languish from longing or grief; decline

♠ **pinion** :

restrain or immobilize by binding the wings or legs; N: bird's wing

pinnacle :

peak; highest point; acme; Ex. pinnacle of fame

pious :

devout; religious; N. piety

♠ **piquant** :

pleasantly tart-tasting; spicy; pleasantly stimulating; Ex. piquant situation when my old enemy asked for my help

♡ **tart** :

sharp to the taste; acid-tasting; caustic; sarcastic; Ex. tart apple/reply

♡ **sour** :

having a sharp or acid taste; acid; tart; bad-tempered; V.

pique :

irritation; resentment from wounded pride (eg. loss in a contest); V: provoke; arouse; annoy; cause to feel resentment; Ex. pique her curiosity

♠ **piscatorial** :

pertaining to fishing; CF. Pisces

pitfall :

hidden danger; concealed trap

♡ **beware** :

be cautious (of)

♠ **pith** :

core or marrow; spongelike substance in the center of stems; essence; substance

♡ **marrow** :

soft fatty tissue that fills most bone cavities and is the source of blood cells

pithy :

concise and meaningful; substantial; meaty

♠ **pittance** :

small amount (of money); small allowance or wage

□ **pivotal** :

of a pivot; central; critical; crucial

□ **placate** :

pacify; bring peace to; conciliate; appease

♠ **placebo** :

harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill

♡ **tablet** :

small round piece of medicine; flat piece of stone or metal bearing an inscription; Ex. stone tablet on the wall

□ **placid** :

peaceful; calm; Ex. placid child /lake

♠ **plagiarize** :

steal another's ideas or writings and pass them off as one's own; Ex. ideas plagiarized from my article; N.

plagiarism; CF. kidnap

♠ **plaintive** :

expressing sorrow; mournful; Ex. plaintive song

♠ **plait** :

braid; interwine; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; Ex. plaited hair; N:

braided length as of hair o fabric; CF. pigtail, ponytail

♠ **plasticity** :

ability to be molded; ADJ. plastic: capable of being shaped or molded; Ex. plastic material such as clay

□ **platitude** :

trite remark; commonplace statement; ADJ. platitudinous

♡ **commonplace** :

ordinary; N: something ordinary or common; trite remark

♡ **commonwealth** :

nation governed by the people; republic; people of a nation

□ **platonic** :

purely spiritual; theoretical; without sensual desire

♠ **plaudit** :

praise; enthusiastic approval; round(succession or series) of applause; ADJ. plauditory; CF. applaud

□ **plausible** :

conceivably true; having a show of truth but open to doubt; specious

♠ **plebeian** :

common; vulgar; pertaining to the common people; N: common people in ancient Rome; CF. patrician

♡ **plebiscite** :

direct vote by the entire electorate (on an important issue)

♡ **referendum** :

direct vote by all the people

♠ **plenary** :

(of power) complete; full; fully attended by all qualified members; Ex. plenary power

♠ **plenitude** :

abundance; plenty; great amount; completeness; fullness; CF. plenary, plenty

♠ **plethora** :

excess; overabundance; Ex. a plethora of excuses

□ **pliable** :

flexible; easily influenced; yielding; adaptable

□ **pliant** :

flexible; easily influenced

□ **plight** :

difficult condition; condition or state (esp. a bad state or condition); predicament

♠ **pluck** :

courage; V: pull off or out; pull out the hair or feathers of; ADJ. plucky: courageous; brave

♠ **plumage** :

feathers of a bird;

♡ **plume** :

feather, esp. large or showy one; something that rises into the air (like the shape of a feather); Ex. plume of smoke: 벚꽃 구름

♠ **plumb** :

exactly vertical; N: weight on the end of a line; V: examine very carefully or critically in order to understand; measure depth (by sounding); Ex. plumb the depth of

♡ **plumber** :

one who installs and repairs pipes and plumbing(pipes)

♠ **plummet** :

fall sharply; fall straight down; Ex. Stock prices plummeted.

□ **plutocracy** :

society ruled by the wealthy

□ **podiatrist** :

doctor who treats ailments of the feet; chiropodist; N. podiatrics

□ **podium** :

pedestal; raised platform

♡ **pedestal** :

support or base as for a pillar or statue

♠ **poignancy** :

quality of being deeply moving; keenness of emotion; ADJ. poignant: touching; deeply moving; (of sorrow, grief, etc.) painful; keenly distressing to the mind; Ex. poignant memory/anxiety; CF. prick

♠ **polarize** :

split into opposite extremes or camps

♡ **polarity** :

state of having two opposite qualities

♡ **polar** :

of a pole; characterized by opposite extremes; Ex. polar opposites

♡ **camp** :

group sharing a common cause or opinion

♠ **polemic** :

attack or defense of an opinion; controversy or refutation; argument in support of point of view; N. polemics: art of debate or controversy

♠ **polemical(polemic)** :

aggressive in verbal attack; disputatious (rather than simply expressing opinions)

□ **politic** :

prudent; judicious; well judged; expedient; well devised

□ **polity** :

(particular form of) political organization; form of government of nation or state; Ex. student polity

□ **polygamist** :

one who has more than one spouse at a time; CF. bigamy; CF. polyandry

□ **polyglot** :

speaking several languages; multilingual; Ex. polyglot person/society; N.

□ **pomposity** :

self-important behavior; acting like a stuffed shirt(pompous person); ADJ. pompous: self-important

♠ **ponderous** :

having great weight; weighty; unwieldy; lacking lightness; dull; Ex. ponderous body/style of writing

♠ **pontifical** :

pertaining to a bishop or pope; pompous or pretentious; CF. pontiff: pope; bishop

♠ **pore** :

study industriously; ponder; scrutinize; Ex. pore over the book; N.

□ **porous** :

full of pores; like a sieve

♥ **interstice** :

suitable for drinking; drinkable

□ **potent** :

narrow space between things

□ **portend** :

powerful; convincing; persuasive; greatly influential

♠ **potentate** :

foretell; presage; be a sign or warning of; N. portent: sign; omen; forewarning

♥ **soothsayer** :

monarch; sovereign

□ **potential** :

one who foretells the future

♠ **portly** :

expressing possibility; latent; N: capacity for growth

□ **potion** :

stout; corpulent

♥ **stout** :

dose (of liquids); liquid dose

♠ **potpourri** :

rather fat; strong in body; sturdy; resolute; determined; strong in determination; Ex. stout stick/supporter

♠ **poseur** :

heterogeneous mixture; medley; mixture of dried flower petals a pot (to give a pleasant smell to a room)

♠ **poultice** :

person who pretends to be sophisticated, elegant, etc., to impress others; person who poses; CF. pose

♥ **pose** :

soothing application applied to sore and inflamed portions of the body

□ **practicable** :

assume a particular posture; put forward; present; affect a particular attitude (to impress others); Ex. pose a threat; N.

♠ **posterity** :

feasible

□ **practical** :

descendants; future generations; Ex. go down to posterity; CF. posterior, anterior

♠ **posthumous** :

based on experience; of or acquired through practice (rather than theory); useful; Ex. practical man

□ **pragmatic** :

after death (as of child born after father's death or book published after author's death); coming or occurring after one's death; Ex. posthumous fame/novel

♥ **postmortem** :

practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with practical worth or impact of something; Ex. pragmatic test of the skill

□ **pragmatist** :

autopsy; ADJ: occurring after death; of a postmortem

♠ **postulate** :

practical person; N. pragmatism: pragmatic way of dealing with things

♥ **prance** :

self-evident truth; something assumed without proof; V: assume the truth of (as a basis of an argument)

♠ **posture** :

move about in a spirited manner (proudly and confidently)

♠ **prate** :

assume an affected pose; act artificially; N: pose; attitude

♠ **potable** :

talk idly; speak foolishly; boast idly

♠ **prattle** :

talk idly; babble; N. CF. prate

♡ **idle** :

not working; not employed or busy; lazy; without purpose; useless; lacking substance; baseless; not based on truth; Ex. idle worker; Ex. talk idly; V.

□ **preamble** :

introductory statement

♠ **precarious** :

unsafe; lacking in stability; uncertain; risky; Ex. precarious living

□ **precedent** :

something preceding in time which may be used as an authority or guide for future action; V. precede; CF. unprecedented

□ **precedent** :

preceding (in time, rank, etc.)

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□ **precept** :

practical rule guiding conduct; Ex. mother's precept

□ **precipice** :

cliff; dangerous position; Ex. on the edge of the precipice

♡ **brink** :

edge (at the top of a cliff); Ex. on the brink of the Grand Canyon

□ **precipitant** :

something that causes a substance in a chemical solution to separate out in solid form; 침전제; OP. solvent

□ **precipitate** :

hurl downward; throw headlong; hasten; cause to happen sooner; condense and fall as rain or snow; cause (a solid substance) to be separated from a solution; ADJ. hasty; rash; premature; sudden

□ **precipitous** :

steep; overhasty; precipitate

♠ **précis** :

abstract; concise summing up of main points; concise summary of a text

□ **precise** :

exact

□ **preclude** :

make impossible; prevent; exclude; eliminate

□ **precocious** :

advanced in development; N. precocity

□ **precursor** :

forerunner; predecessor

□ **predator** :

predatory animal or bird; predatory person; creature that seizes and devours another animal; person who robs or exploits others; ADJ. predatory: living by preying on other organisms; plundering; N. predation

□ **predecessor** :

former occupant of a post

□ **predetermine** :

determine in advance; predestine; settle or decide beforehand; influence markedly

□ **predicament** :

difficult situation; tricky or dangerous situation; dilemma

♠ **predilection** :

preference; partiality

♠ **predispose** :

give an inclination toward (in advance); make susceptible to; Ex. predispose people to certain cancer; N. predisposition

□ **preeminent** :

outstanding; superior

♠ **preempt** :

prevent in advance; head off (forestall); forestall by acting first; appropriate for oneself before others; supplant; take the place of; displace; Ex. preempt any attempts; ADJ. preemptive

♠ **preen** :

make oneself tidy in appearance; feel self-satisfaction or pride; (of a bird) smooth or clean (feathers) with the beak; Ex. preen oneself on; CF. prune

prefatory :

introductory; of a preface

♠ **prehensile** :

capable of grasping or holding (esp. by wrapping around); Ex. prehensile tails

♠ **prelate** :

church dignitary; priest of high position in the church (esp. bishop)

prelude :

introduction; introductory performance or event; forerunner

premeditate :

plan in advance; Ex. premeditated murder

premise :

assumption; postulate; proposition upon which an argument is based

premonition :

forewarning; presentiment; foreboding

premonitory :

serving to warn

preponderance :

superiority of power, quantity, etc.; V. preponderate: be greater in power, weight, or importance; ADJ. preponderant

preposterous :

absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous

prerogative :

privilege; unquestionable right; CF. ask before

presage :

foretell; be a warning or sign of; N: presentiment; foreboding; omen

♠ **prescience** :

ability to foretell the future; knowledge of actions before they occur; ADJ. prescient

presentiment :

premonition; foreboding; feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear

prestige :

respect or admiration; impression produced by achievements or reputation; ADJ: causing admiration; ADJ.

prestigious: having prestige

♠ **presumptuous** :

going beyond what is right; excessively forward; arrogant; taking liberties

♡ **presume** :

take for granted; assume; act overconfidently; take liberties; presume on/upon: take unfair advantage of (someone's kindness or connection); N. presumption

♠ **pretentious** :

ostentatious; showy; pompous; making unjustified claims; overambitious; Ex. pretentious films that claim to be art

♡ **pretend** :

feign; pretend to: claim to possess; make pretensions to; Ex. I don't pretend to much expertise; N. pretense

♡ **pretension** :

pretentiousness; claim (without foundation); Ex. I make no pretensions to skill as an artist.

♠ **preternatural** :

beyond what is normal in nature; supernatural; Ex. preternatural strength/forces

pretext :

excuse

♠ **prevail** :

be widespread; triumph over; gain victory; prevail on: persuade; induce; Ex. Justice has prevailed; Ex. prevail on someone to do something

prevalent :

widespread; generally accepted

♠ **prevaricate** :

lie; hide the truth (by equivocating)

prey :

target of a hunt; victim; V: hunt and eat as prey; victimize; Ex. Cats prey on mice.

♠ **prim** :

proper to the point of affectation; very precise and formal; exceedingly proper

♠ **primogeniture** :

seniority by birth; state of being the first-born child; right of the eldest child (to inherit the entire property of one or both parents)

primordial :

existing at the beginning (of time); rudimentary

♠ **primp** :

groom oneself with care; adorn oneself

♠ **pristine** :

unspoiled; remaining in a pure state; characteristic of earlier times; primitive; Ex. an old book in pristine condition

♠ **privation** :

lack of the basic necessities or comforts of life; hardship; want; CF. deprive

♠ **privy** :

secret; hidden; not public; made a participant in something secret; Ex. privy chamber government; Ex. be privy to a discussion; CF. private

probe :

explore with a probe or tools; investigate; N: slender instrument used to explore a wound or body cavity; device designed to investigate an unknown region; thorough investigation; Ex. space probe

probity :

uprightness; honesty; incorruptibility

♥ **defalcate** :

embezzle

♠ **problematic** :

causing a problem; open to doubt; doubtful; unsettled; questionable; Ex. Whether the arena will ever be completed is problematic.

proclivity :

inclination; natural tendency (esp. towards something bad)

procrastinate :

postpone; delay or put off

procurement :

obtaining; V. procure: obtain by effort; obtain (a prostitute) for another

♠ **prod** :

poke (with a pointed object); stir up; urge; goad to action; N: pointed object used to prod; prodding

prodigal :

wasteful; reckless with money; profuse; Ex. a mind prodigal of ideas; N. prodigality

prodigious :

enormous; marvelous; extraordinary; Ex. prodigious amount/memory

prodigy :

highly gifted child; person with exceptional talents; marvel; wonder

profane :

violate; desecrate (something holy); treat unworthily; be profane for; ADJ: secular; nonreligious; irreverent for holy things

♠ **profligate** :

wasteful (of money); dissipated; wildly immoral; dissolute; N: profligate person; N. profligacy

profound :

deep; not superficial; complete; Ex. profound thinker/remark/silence/deafness; N. profundity

profusion :

great amount; plenty; overabundance; excess; lavish expenditure; Ex. profusion of choices; ADJ: profuse: plentiful; copious; giving or given abundantly; extravagant

progenitor :

ancestor

♠ **progeny** :

children; offspring; descendants

prognosis :

forecasted course of a disease; prediction; CF. prognostic

prognosticate :

predict (according to present indications)

prohibitive :

so high as to prohibit purchase or use; tending to prevent the purchase or use of something; prohibiting; inclined to prevent or forbid; Ex. prohibitive tax

projectile :

missile; fired or thrown object (such as stone or bullet)

proletarian :

member of the working class; blue collar guy; N. proletariat: working class (who have to work for wages)

proliferate :

grow rapidly (in numbers); spread; multiply; N. proliferation

prolific :

producing offspring or fruit in abundance; fertile; fecund; abundantly fruitful; producing abundant works; Ex. prolific writer

♠ **prolixity** :

tedious wordiness; verbosity; ADJ. prolix: wordy; verbose; diffuse

prologue :

introduction (to a poem or play)

♥ **feud** :

bitter prolonged quarrel (usually between two peoples or families); V. CF. Romeo and Juliet; CE. feudal, feudalism

prolong :

lengthen; extend; draw out

prominent :

protruding(sticking out); conspicuous; notable; eminent

♠ **promiscuous** :

mixed indiscriminately; indiscriminate; not choosing carefully; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; irregular, particularly sexually; Ex. promiscuous life/girl; N. promiscuity

promontory :

headland

♠ **promote** :

advance in rank; advance; help to flourish; advocate; help actively in forming; publicize or popularize; Ex. Milk promotes health; Ex. promote a match/bill; Ex. promote a new product

♠ **prompt** :

cause; urge; provoke; provide a cue (for an actor); ADJ. done without delay; done at the right time; punctual; on time; N. reminder or cue

♥ **cue** :

word or signal (as in a play to prompt another actor's speech or entrance); reminder or hint; V. give a cue to

♠ **promulgate** :

announce; proclaim a doctrine or law; make known by official publication

prone :

inclined to; likely to (suffer); prostrate; lying with the front downward; Ex. prone to disease/make mistakes; Ex. accident-prone

propagate :

increase in number by producing young; multiply; spread; Ex. Most plants propagate by seed; Ex. newspaper propagating their ideas

propellant(propellent) :

substance which propels or drives forward (such as an explosive charge or a rocket fuel)

propensity :

natural inclination

prophetic :

of a prophet or prophecy; having to do with predicting the future; N. prophecy; V. prophesy; N. prophet

prophylactic :

used to prevent disease; N. something prophylactic; condom; N. prophylaxis: prevention of disease

♠ **propinquity** :

nearness (in space or relationship); proximity; kinship

♠ **propitiate** :

appease; conciliate; make peaceful; ADJ. propitiatory

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♠ **propitious** :

favorable; auspicious; advantageous; fortunate; Ex. propitious day/sign

♡ **horoscope** :

diagram of the positions of stars at a given moment (eg. of a person's birth) used by astrologers

□ **proponent** :

supporter; backer; opposite of opponent

□ **propound** :

put forth for consideration or analysis; set forth; Ex. propound a problem/theory

□ **propriety** :

fitness; quality of being proper; correct conduct; conformity to prevailing customs and usages; CF. proprietor, proprietary

♡ **usage** :

act or manner of using; accepted practice; way in which words are actually used

□ **propulsive** :

driving forward; N. propulsion

♠ **prosaic** :

lacking in imagination; dull and unimaginative; matter-of-fact (concerned with facts, not imagination or feelings); factual; CF. prose

♠ **proscenium** :

part of stage in front of curtain; front arch of a stage

□ **proscribe** :

prohibit; ostracize; banish; outlaw

♡ **outlaw** :

fugitive from the law (excluded from legal protection); V: declare (someone) to be an outlaw; deprive of the protection of the law; declare illegal; Ex. Drinking has been outlawed.

♠ **proselytize** :

(induce someone to) convert to a religion or belief; N. proselyte: new convert to a doctrine or religion

♠ **prosody** :

art of versification; study of the metrical structure of verse

♡ **metrical** :

metric; written in the form of poetry; Ex. metrical translation of Homer

♡ **meter** :

arrangement of words in the form of poetry (by accentual rhythm)

□ **prosperity** :

good fortune and financial success; physical well-being

♡ **prosper** :

become successful (esp. financially); thrive; grow well; Ex. children prospering under his care

♡ **prosperous** :

successful; rich; affluent; well-to-do; well-off

□ **prostrate** :

stretch out full on ground; make prostrate; enervate; Ex. prostrating illness; ADJ: lying face down; having lost all strength

♠ **protean** :

able to take on many forms; versatile; CF. Proteus: sea god to change his shape at will

□ **protégé** :

person receiving protection and support from a patron

♠ **protocol** :

diplomatic etiquette; ceremony and etiquette observed by diplomats; first copy of a treaty before its ratification; Ex. Protocol demands that the queen meet him at the airport.

□ **prototype** :

original work used as a model by others

protract :

prolong; lengthen in time; draw out

protrude :

stick out; jut; project; Ex. protruding teeth

♠ **protuberance** :

protrusion; swelling; bulge

♡ **bulge** :

protruding part; swelling of a surface; Ex. The apple made a bulge in his pocket; V. swell outward; protrude

♠ **provenance** :

place of origin; origin or source of something; Ex. Gunpowder is of Chinese provenance; CF. come

♠ **provender** :

dry food for livestock; fodder

provident :

providing for future needs; displaying foresight; thrifty; preparing for emergencies; OP. improvident

♡ **providence** :

quality of being provident; divine care; god's care; Providence: god; Ex. It seemed like providence that the doctor happened to be there; ADJ. providential: of divine providence; fortunate

provincial :

pertaining to a province; limited in outlook; narrow; unsophisticated

provisional :

tentative; temporary

proviso :

stipulation; condition in an agreement; provision

♡ **provision** :

act of providing; something provided; preparatory measure; provisions: necessary supplies (esp. food); stipulation; condition in an agreement; Ex. According to the provisions of the agreement

provocative :

arousing anger or sexual interest; annoying; Ex. provocative in tight jeans; V. provoke: incite to anger; cause (an unpleasant action or feeling); N. provocation

♠ **provoke** :

extraordinary ability; military bravery; Ex. prowess in battle

proximity :

nearness; ADJ. proximate

proxy :

authorized agent; authority to act for another

♠ **prude** :

excessively modest or proper person (who is easily shocked by improper things, esp. of a sexual nature); N. prudery; ADJ. prudish: excessively concerned with propriety

prudent :

cautious; careful; prudential

prune :

cut away; trim

♠ **prurient** :

having or causing lustful desires and thoughts; arousing immoderate sexual desire

♠ **pry** :

inquire impertinently (someone else's private affairs); use leverage to raise or open something; prize; N. prying tool for prying

♡ **prize** :

pry; move with a lever; value highly; esteem; Ex. his most prized possession; N: something captured during war-time (esp. an enemy ship)

pseudonym :

pen name; fictitious name assumed by an author; ADJ. pseudonymous

psyche :

soul; mind

psychiatrist :

doctor who treats mental diseases

♥ **psychic** :

of psyche; mental; of or possessing extraordinary mental powers

□ **psychopathic** :

pertaining to mental dearrangement; N. psychopath: person with an antisocial personality disorder

□ **psychosis** :

mental disorder; ADJ. N. psychotic

♥ **psychosomatic** :

of the influence of the mind on the body (esp. with respect to disease)

♠ **pterodactyl** :

extinct flying reptile; CF. wing+finger

♠ **puerile** :

childish; immature; CF. puer: boy

□ **pugilist** :

boxer; CF. pugilism: boxing

♠ **pugnacity** :

combativeness; disposition to fight; ADJ. pugnacious: (of people) belligerent; combative in nature

♠ **puissant** :

powerful; strong; potent; N. puissance: power

♠ **pulchritude** :

beauty; comeliness; ADJ. pulchritudinous

♠ **pulmonary** :

pertaining to the lungs

♠ **pulsate** :

throb; beat regularly; vibrate regularly

♥ **pulse** :

rhythmical throbbing of arteries; brief sudden change in a normally constant quantity; V: pulsate

□ **pulverize** :

crush or grind into very small particles

♠ **pummel** :

pommel; beat or pound with fists

□ **punctilious** :

minutely attentive (perhaps too much so) to fine points; stressing niceties of conduct or form; N. punctilio, punctiliousness: careful attention payed to every small exact detail

♠ **pundit** :

authority on a subject; expert; learned person

□ **pungent** :

stinging; acrid; sharp in taste or smell; (of speech or writing) caustic; N. pungency

♠ **punitive** :

punishing; Ex. punitive measures

♠ **puny** :

tiny; weak; insignificant

♠ **purchase** :

secure grasp or hold; firm grasp or footing

□ **purgatory** :

place of spiritual expiation; temporary state or place in which the souls must expiate their sins

□ **purge** :

remove or get rid of something or someone unwanted; eliminate; free from blame or guilt; cleanse or purify (esp. of sin, guilt, or defilement); N.

□ **purport** :

intention; purpose; meaning; V: claim; profess; Ex. order which purports to be signed by the general

□ **purported** :

alleged; claimed; reputed or rumored; Ex. purported Satanists

♥ **rooster** :

cock; adult male chicken

♥ **rabble** :

mob; noisy crowd

♠ **purse** :

pucker; contract (lips) into wrinkles; N: wallet

♥ **pucker** :

gather into wrinkles or folds; N: wrinkle or fold

♠ **purveyor** :

furnisher of foodstuffs; caterer; V, purvey: supply (eg. food); furnish; CF. provide

♠ **pusillanimous** :

cowardly; lacking courage; fainthearted

♠ **putative** :

supposed; reputed; generally regarded as such; Ex. putative father of the child

♠ **putrid** :

decayed and foul-smelling; foul; rotten; decayed; N. putridity

♥ **putrefy** :

make or become putrid; N. putrefaction

♥ **putrescent** :

becoming putrid; putrefying

♥ **gangrene** :

decay of body tissue caused by insufficient blood supply (usually following injury); ADJ. gangrenous

□ **pyromaniac** :

person with an insane desire to set things on fire

□ **quack** :

charlatan; impostor

♠ **quadruped** :

four-footed animal; ADJ. CF. biped

♠ **quaff** :

drink with zest; drink with relish(zest; hearty enjoyment); 꿀꺽꿀꺽 마시다; CF. sip

♠ **quagmire** :

bog; marsh; soft, wet, boggy land; predicament; complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself

♥ **bog** :

soft wet land; V. hinder or be hindered; Ex. bogged down in the mud

♠ **quail** :

cower; shrink back in fear; lose heart

□ **quaint** :

odd in an old-fashioned way; odd; old-fashioned; picturesque

□ **qualified** :

limited; restricted; V. qualify: limit the meaning of; modify

♠ **qualms** :

uneasy feelings; misgivings; uneasy fears especially about matters of conscience; Ex. I have no qualms about giving this assignment to Helen.

♠ **quandary** :

dilemma; state of uncertainty; Ex. She is in a quandary about whether to go.

♠ **quarantine** :

isolation of a person, place, or ship to prevent spread of infection; V: isolate in quarantine

♠ **quarry** :

person or animal of pursuit; victim; object of a hunt; prey

♠ **quarry** :

dig into (to get stone); N: mine; 채석장

♥ **bank** :

heap; piled-up mass; embankment; lateral tilting (as of an aircraft in turning); V: pile up; protect with a bank; tilt in turning

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♠ **quash** :

crush; suppress; squash; subdue; annul; Ex. quash a rebellion/the decision of the low court

♡ **squash** :

crush; quash; suppress

□ **quay** :

dock; wharf; pier; landing place (for boats)

♠ **queasy** :

experiencing nausea; nauseated; easily nauseated; squeamish; Ex. feel a little queasy

♠ **quell** :

suppress; put an end to; put down forcibly; extinguish; quiet; Ex. "Army Quells Rebellion" in newspaper; CF. kill

♠ **quench** :

assuage or satisfy (thrust); slake; douse or extinguish; put out; suppress

♡ **squelch** :

produce a splashing sound (when stepping through mud); crush; squash; CF. 진흙을 위에서 밟을 때

♠ **querulous** :

given to complaining; complaining; fretful; whining

♡ **whine** :

complain (in a sad voice); make a high sad sound (as in pain or supplication)

□ **query** :

inquiry; question; V.

□ **queue** :

line (of waiting people or vehicles)

♠ **quibble** :

minor objection or complaint; V: raise minor objections; carp; cavil

♠ **quiescent** :

dormant; temporarily inactive; at rest; N. quiescence

□ **quietude** :

tranquillity; calmness

♠ **quintessence** :

purest and highest embodiment; perfect example; apotheosis; most essential element; Ex. quintessence of wit; ADJ. quintessential; CF. fifth essence

♠ **quip** :

taunt; clever sarcastic remark; V.

♡ **taunt** :

deride or provoke; challenge in derision; N.

♠ **quirk** :

sudden sharp turn or twist; startling twist; caprice; idiosyncrasy; peculiarity of behavior; Ex. by a quirk of fate

♠ **quisling** :

traitor who aids invaders; CF. Vidkun Quisling

♠ **quiver** :

case for arrows

♠ **quiver** :

tremble; shake; N.

♡ **leash** :

restraining rope fastened to the collar of an animal (to control it); Ex. a dog on a leash

♠ **quixotic** :

idealistic but impractical; CF. Don Quixote

♠ **quizzical** :

curious; suggesting puzzlement (without saying); questioning; teasing; mocking; bantering; Ex. quizzical glance

♠ **quorum** :

minimal number of members necessary to conduct a meeting

♠ **quotidian** :

daily; commonplace; customary; Ex. quotidian routine

♠ **rabid** :

of or suffering rabies; like a fanatic; extremely zealous; furious; CF. rabies: hydrophobia

♠ **raconteur** :

story-teller; one who tells stories with wit and skill

♠ **ragamuffin** :

dirty child in torn clothes; person wearing tattered clothes

♥ **tatter** :

torn piece of cloth; ADJ. tattered: (of clothes) old and torn; (of a person) dressed in old torn clothes

♠ **rail** :

complain bitterly; scold; rant; Ex. the weaker railing against injustices

♠ **raiment** :

clothing; garments; Ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.

♠ **rakish** :

jaunty; stylish; sporty; morally corrupt; dissolute; Ex. He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle.

♥ **rake** :

angle of a slope; V. slant from the perpendicular

♥ **rake** :

immoral or dissolute person

□ **rally** :

come or bring together; call up or summon (forces, vital powers, etc.); revive or recuperate (after illness or difficulty); N: act of rallying; mass gathering

□ **ramble** :

wander aimlessly (physically or mentally); digress

□ **ramification** :

branching out; subdivision; one branch of a system; one of the results following from an action or decision; Ex. ramifications of a business/the decision

□ **ramify** :

branch out; divide into branches or subdivisions

♠ **ramp** :

slope; inclined plane or roadway (connecting two levels)

♠ **rampant** :

growing or spreading uncontrollably; growing in profusion; unrestrained; Ex. rampant lawlessness/weed

□ **rampart** :

defensive mound of earth

♠ **ramshackle** :

(of a building or vehicle) poorly constructed; rickety; falling apart

♥ **rickety** :

(of buildings) likely to break or fall apart; of rickets; CF. rickets; CF. vitamin D

♥ **ransack** :

search thoroughly; pillage (going through a place); Ex. Enemy soldiers ransacked the town.

♠ **rancid** :

having the odor of stale or decomposing fat; rank

♥ **rank** :

offensive in odor or flavor

♠ **rancor** :

long-lasting hatred; bitterness; Ex. negotiation without rancor; ADJ. rancorous

□ **random** :

without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard; Ex. random shots; Ex. chosen at random

♥ **lot** :

object used in making a determination at random; fate; piece of land

♥ **draw** :

choosing of a lot or card

♥ **lottery** :

contest in which winners are selected in a drawing of lots

♥ **raffle** :

lottery; V. award as a prize in a raffle; Ex. raffle off a new car

♠ **rankle** :

irritate; fester; annoy

♠ **rant** :

speak violently or excitedly; rave; talk excitedly showing anger; scold; make a grandiloquent speech; Ex. The priest ranted about the devil.

♠ **rapacious** :

voracious; ravenous; taking everything one can; excessively grasping; plundering; subsisting on live prey; Ex. rapacious birds

□ **rapport** :

close relationship; emotional closeness; harmony

♠ **rapt** :

engrossed; absorbed; enchanted; Ex. rapt listener

♠ **rarefied** :

made less dense (of a gas); V. rarefy: make less dense; N. rarefaction

♥ **rare** :

(of air) thin in density; rarefied; Ex. rare air of the mountains

♠ **raspy** :

making a harsh noise; grating; harsh

♥ **rasp** :

(of a sound) grate on (eg. nerves); make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; rub with something rough; Ex. The cat's tongue rasped my hand.

□ **ratify** :

approve formally; confirm; verify

♠ **ratiocination** :

reasoning; act of drawing conclusions from premises; V. ratiocinate: reason logically

□ **rationale** :

fundamental reason or principle (on which a system or principle is based); fundamental reason or justification; grounds for an action

□ **rationalize** :

make rational; devise false reasons for (one's behavior); offer an excuse; give a plausible reason for an action in place of a true, less admirable ones; N. rationalization

♥ **rational** :

(of a person) having reason; (of ideas) based on reason; logical

♥ **ration** :

fixed portion; V. distribute as rations

♠ **raucous** :

(of voice) harsh and unpleasant; (of people) disorderly and boisterous; Ex. raucous shouts

□ **ravage** :

devastate; plunder; despoil; Ex. crops ravaged by storms

♥ **maraud** :

move in search of plunder; Ex. marauding army

♠ **rave** :

overwhelmingly favorable review; V. talk wildly as if mad; Ex. raving lunatic

□ **ravel** :

fall apart into tangles; entangle; unravel or untwist

♠ **ravenous** :

extremely hungry; voracious

♠ **ravine** :

narrow valley with steep sides; gorge; CF. gully, canyon

□ **raze** :

destroy completely; Ex. raze the city to the ground

□ **reactionary** :

strongly opposed to social or political change; opposing progress; politically ultraconservative; N. OP. radical

♥ **reinstate** :

restore to a previous condition or position

□ **realm** :

kingdom; field or sphere; Ex. not within the realms of possibility

□ **reaper** :

one who harvests grain; Ex. the Grim Reaper; V. reap: cut and gather (crop); harvest a crop

□ **rebate** :

return of part of a payment; discount; V.

♠ **rebuff** :

reject bluntly; snub; beat back; Ex. She rebuffed his invitation; N.

♥ **snub** :

ignore or behave coldly toward; Ex. I made a suggestion but she snubbed me; N.

□ **rebuke** :

scold harshly; criticize severely

♠ **rebus** :

representation of words in the form of pictures or symbols; puzzle in which pictures or letters stand for words;
Ex. "R U 18" is a rebus for "Are you 18".

♠ **rebuttal** :

refutation; response with contrary evidence; V. rebut: refute; disprove

♠ **recalcitrant** :

disobedient or resisting authority even after being punished; obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly; Ex. recalcitrant child

□ **recant** :

disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error; Ex. recant one's faith/a statement

□ **recapitulate** :

summarize

♠ **recast** :

reconstruct (a sentence, story, statue, etc.); fashion again

♥ **fashion** :

give shape to; make; Ex. fashion the pot out of clay

□ **receptive** :

quick or willing to receive (ideas, suggestions, etc.); Ex. receptive to the proposal

□ **recession** :

withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity

♥ **recess** :

pause; temporary cessation; alcove; secret inner place; Ex. parliament in recess; V. CF. recessive

□ **recidivism** :

habitual return to crime (even after being punished); N. recidivist

□ **recipient** :

receiver

□ **reciprocal** :

mutual; given and received in return; exchangeable; interacting; Ex. reciprocal trade agreement

♠ **reciprocate** :

do or give something in return; repay in kind; give or take mutually; interchange; move backwards and forwards; Ex. reciprocate his invitation by inviting him; N. reciprocity: reciprocal relationship; mutual interchange of advantages between two groups; Ex. reciprocity in trading rights

□ **recluse** :

hermit; loner; ADJ. reclusive

□ **reconcile** :

make friendly again (after quarrel); make consistent (two ideas in opposition); correct inconsistencies; Ex. reconcile one's political principles with one's religious beliefs

□ **recondite** :

abstruse; not easily understood; profound; secret

□ **reconnaissance** :

survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoitering; V. reconnoiter: make a preliminary inspection of (esp. to gather military information)

♠ **recount** :

narrate or tell (a story); count over again

□ **recourse** :

resorting to help when in trouble; Ex. without recourse to

♥ **resort** :

turn to for help; Ex. resort to violence; N.

♥ **makeshift** :

temporary expedient or substitute (in the case of urgent need); Ex. makeshift shelter

♥ **recreant** :

disloyal; cowardly; N: disloyal and cowardly person

□ **recrimination** :

countercharges; V. recriminate

□ **rectify** :

set right; correct; CF. rect-: right

♠ **rectitude** :

moral correctness; moral uprightness; moral virtue; correctness of judgment

□ **recumbent** :

reclining; lying down completely or in part

♥ **recline** :

lie down

□ **recuperate** :

recover; return to health; regain; Ex. recuperate losses

□ **recurrent** :

occurring again and again

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□ **redolent** :

odorous; fragrant; suggestive (of an odor); Ex. redolent of onions/mystery

♠ **redoubtable** :

formidable; causing fear

♠ **redress** :

remedy; compensation; Ex. seek redress for the damage to your car; V: put right; remedy or rectify (a wrong);

make amends for

□ **redundant** :

superfluous; more than is necessary; verbose; excessively wordy; repetitious

♠ **reek** :

emit (an unpleasant odor or smoke); give off an unpleasant odor; give out smoke; Ex. reeking chimney; N:

unpleasant odor; stench

♥ **stench** :

strong foul odor; reek; stink

♥ **stink** :

stench; V: emit a strong foul odor

♠ **refectory** :

dining hall; room where meals are served (in a school)

□ **refraction** :

bending of a ray of light

♠ **refractory** :

unmanageable; disobedient and stubborn; Ex. refractory horse

♠ **refrain** :

abstain from; resist; forbear; N: chorus

♥ **chorus** :

phrase repeated throughout a song or poem

□ **refulgent** :

effulgent; brilliant; brightly shining; gleaming; Ex. refulgent moon

♥ **gleam** :

brief flash of light; glow; V.

♠ **refurbish** :

renovate; make clean, bright, or fresh (make new) again; make bright by polishing; Ex. refurbish an old theater;
CF. furbish: polish

□ **refute** :

disprove; prove to be false; N. refutation

□ **regal** :

royal; of a monarch; Ex. regal manner

♠ **regale** :

entertain

♠ **regatta** :

boat or yacht race

□ **regeneration** :

spiritual rebirth; Ex. regeneration of the prisoners; V. regenerate: give or obtain new life; reform spiritually

♥ **penology** :

study of prison management and criminal rehabilitation

□ **regicide** :

murder of a king or queen

□ **regime** :

method of system or government

♠ **regimen** :

prescribed course of diet or exercise; prescribed diet and habits; Ex. daily regimen of a dancer

♠ **regiment** :

military unit; V. subject to strict order; Ex. regimented society

□ **rehabilitate** :

restore to proper condition (health or useful life); restore the former rank of

□ **reimburse** :

repay; pay back

□ **reiterate** :

repeat

♠ **rejoinder** :

reply; retort; comeback; V. rejoin: say in reply

♥ **comeback** :

retort; quick clever reply; return to former status

□ **rejuvenate** :

make young again

♠ **relegate** :

put into a lower or worse place; banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign; Ex. relegate the old furniture to the children's room; Ex. relegated to the second division

□ **relent** :

become less severe; give in (surrender); ADJ. relentless: unyielding; continuously severe

□ **relevant** :

having importance; pertinent; referring to the case in hand; N. relevance, relevancy

♠ **relic** :

surviving remnant (from an extinct culture); memento; keepsake; relics: corpse; Ex. ancient relics; Ex. relics of his travel; Ex. His relics are buried at X.

□ **relinquish** :

give up something (with reluctance); yield; release; Ex. relinquish power/the claim to the land/his hold on my arm

♠ **relish** :

enjoy; savor; N. enjoyment; zest

□ **remediable** :

reparable

□ **reminiscence** :

recollection; V. reminisce: recollect the past

♥ **reminiscent** :

suggestive of something (in the past); of reminiscence

□ **remiss** :

negligent; careless about a duty

□ **remission** :

temporary moderation (of disease symptoms); remitting of a debt or punishment; cancelation of a debt; pardon;

Ex. The disease went into remission; Ex. Christians pray for the remission of sins.

♥ **remit** :

transmit (money) in payment; free someone from a debt or punishment

♥ **remittance** :

remitting of money; amount of money remitted

□ **remnant** :

remainder

□ **remonstrate** :

protest; objection; V. remonstrate: say in protest

□ **remorse** :

deep regret for wrongdoing; guilt; self-reproach

□ **remunerative** :

(of work) compensating; rewarding; profitable; well-paid; V. remunerate: reward; pay (someone) for work or trouble

□ **rend** :

split; tear apart; N. rent; CF. heartrending: causing deep sorrow

□ **render** :

give; deliver; provide; represent in verbal or artistic form; depict; perform; make; translate; Ex. render the song beautifully

□ **rendezvous** :

meeting place; meeting at a set time or place; V.

□ **rendition** :

rendering; translation; artistic interpretation of a song, etc

♠ **renegade** :

deserter; traitor; ADJ.

♠ **renege** :

break a promise; deny; go back on; Ex. renege on the contract/paying off the debt

□ **renounce** :

abandon; give up (by formal announcement); disown; repudiate; Ex. renounce one's claim to the property/one's religion; N. renunciation

□ **renovate** :

restore to good condition; renew

□ **renown** :

fame; ADJ. renowned

♥ **herald** :

messenger; sign of something to come; V: announce; proclaim; Ex. unheralded researcher

♠ **rent** :

tear made by rending; rip; split

□ **reparable** :

capable of being repaired

♠ **reparation** :

compensation (for loss or wrong); amends; Ex. make reparation for the damage; CF. repair

□ **repartee** :

quick clever reply

♠ **repast** :

meal; feast; banquet

□ **repeal** :

revoke; annul

□ **repel** :

drive away; disgust; Ex. repel the attack/moisture; Ex. repelled by the dirty room; CF. repulsion

repellent :

driving away; disgusting; offensive; repulsive; unattractive; N.

repercussion :

rebound; reaction; reverberation; Ex. serious repercussion

repertoire :

list of works of music, drama, etc., a performer is prepared to present; CF. repertory

♠ **repine** :

fret; complain; be annoyed; Ex. repine over the undone work

replenish :

fill up again

replete :

fully filled; filled to the brim or to the point of being stuffed; abundantly supplied; Ex. report replete with errors

♥ **memoir** :

memoirs; autobiography; biography

♥ **brim** :

uppermost edge of a cup; projecting rim (as on a hat); Ex. The glass was full to the brim; V. be full to the brim

replica :

copy

replicate :

reproduce; duplicate

repository :

storehouse

♥ **repose** :

resting; state of being at rest; calmness; V. lie at rest; relax; put or place; Ex. repose our hopes in a single man

reprehensible :

deserving blame; blameworthy; V. reprehend: blame

repress :

hold back (the natural expression of); restrain; crush; oppress; Ex. repressed child; Ex. repress a laugh/rebellion

reprieve :

postponement or cancelation of a punishment; temporary stay; V. postpone or cancel the punishment of

reprimand :

reprove severely; rebuke; N.

reprisal :

retaliation

♠ **reprise** :

musical repetition; repeating of a piece of music; repeat performance; recurrent action; Ex. reprise in the finale;

Ex. constant reprises

reproach :

blame (not angrily but sadly); express disapproval or disappointment; N. ADJ. reproachful

♠ **reprobate** :

morally disapproved person; person hardened in sin, devoid of a sense of decency; CF. disapproved by God?

reprobation :

severe disapproval; CF. approbation

reprove :

censure; rebuke; N. reproof

repudiate :

disown; disavow; deny

repugnance :

disgust; strong dislike; loathing; ADJ. repugnant: arousing disgust; repulsive

repulsion :

distaste; disgust; act of driving back; ADJ. repulsive: causing disgust; tending to drive away; V. repel (not 'repulse')

♥ **repulse** :

reject with rudeness or coldness (an offer or friendship); drive back (an enemy attack); CF. repulse ≠ cause repulsion

reputable :

respectable; having a good reputation

reputed :

supposed; Ex. reputed father of the child; V. repute: consider; N. repute: reputation; esteem

requiem :

mass for the dead; dirge

♥ **mass** :

Christian religious ceremony; CF. Mass: ceremony of the Eucharist

requisite :

necessary requirement; something required; ADJ: required; necessary

♥ **requisition** :

formal demand or request; Ex. requisition for more computing equipment; V.

♠ **requite** :

make return for; repay; reciprocate; revenge; N. requittal

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rescind :

repeal; annul; cancel (a law, decision, or agreement)

resentment :

indignation; bitterness; displeasure; V. resent: feel anger about

reserve :

self-control; self-restraint; formal but distant manner; reticence; Ex. without reserve: freely and openly; ADJ.

reserved: shy and uncommunicative

residue :

remainder; balance

♥ **residual** :

remaining; left over; of a residue; N: residue

resignation :

patiently submissiveness; statement that one is quitting a job; ADJ. resigned: acquiescent

♥ **resign** :

give up (a position, right, or claim); submit (oneself) passively

resilient :

elastic; having the power of springing back; able to recover quickly (as from misfortune)

♥ **elastic** :

able to spring back into shape; quick to recover (as from disappointment); able to adapt to change; Ex. elastic plans; N: elastic material

resolution :

determination; resoluteness; ADJ. resolute: firm or determined in purpose

resolve :

determination; resolution; firmness of purpose

resolve :

decide; settle; solve; separate; make a determined decision; N. resolution

resonant :

(of a sound) echoing; resounding(sounding loudly); deep and full in sound; producing resonance; Ex. resonant voice; N. resonance

♥ **resound** :

(of a place) be filled with sound; (of a sound) sound loudly; sound back; echo; Ex. hall resounded with laughter

respiration :

breathing; exhalation; ADJ. respiratory

♠ **respite** :

time for rest; interval of relief; delay in punishment; reprieve

resplendent :

brilliant; splendid in appearance; dazzling; glorious

responsiveness :

state of reacting readily to appeals, orders, etc.; ADJ. responsive: readily reacting; Ex. responsive to treatment

♠ **restitution** :

returning something (lost or stolen) to the rightful owner; reparation; indemnification; compensation for loss, damage, or injury

♠ **restive** :

impatiently restless (induced by external coercion or restriction); restlessly impatient; obstinately resisting control; Ex. restive horses because of wolves; CF. not a general synonym for 'restless'

□ **restraint** :

moderation or self-control; controlling force; restriction

□ **resumption** :

taking up again; recommencement; V. resume: begin or take up again; take or occupy again; Ex. Kindly resume your seats.

♠ **resurge** :

rise again; flow to and fro; N. resurgence; ADJ. resurgent: (of ideas or beliefs) experiencing revival; surging again

♥ **resurrect** :

revive

□ **resuscitate** :

revive; bring back to life or consciousness; Ex. resuscitate the drowned child

□ **retain** :

keep; maintain possession of; employ (esp. a lawyer or advisor); N. retainer: servant; fee paid to retain an advisor

□ **retaliate** :

repay in kind (usually for bad treatment); V. retaliate

♠ **retentive** :

holding; able to retain things (esp. facts in the mind); having a good memory

♠ **reticent** :

inclined to silence; uncommunicative; reserved; Ex. He was reticent about the reasons; N. reticence

□ **retinue** :

following; attendants

♠ **retiring** :

shy and reserved (of a person); modest; Ex. her retiring personality

□ **retort** :

quick sharp reply; V.

□ **retract** :

withdraw; take back; draw back; Ex. retract a statement/an offer/claws; N. retraction; CF. retractile

♠ **retrench** :

cut down; cut down expenses; economize

♠ **retribution** :

deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses; compensation; vengeance; CF. pay back

□ **retrieve** :

recover; put right; find and bring in; regain; Ex. retrieve the situation

♠ **retroactive** :

taking effect before its enactment (as a law) or imposition (as a tax); (of a law) having effect on the past as well as the future

♥ **enact** :

make (a bill) into law

♠ **retrograde** :

go backwards; recede; degenerate; deteriorate; ADJ.

□ **retrospective** :

looking back on the past; N. retrospection; V. retrospect

♠ **revelry** :

boisterous merrymaking; V. revel: engage boisterous festivities; enjoy greatly; N: boisterous festivity or celebration

♠ **reverberate** :

echo repeatedly; resound; Ex. The thunder reverberated across the valley.

□ **reverent** :

respectful; worshipful; V. revere: regard with reverence; N. reverence: profound respect

♥ **reverend** :

deserving reverence; N. priest

♠ **reverie** :

daydream; abstracted musing

□ **revert** :

relapse; backslide; turn back to; return to the former owner; N. reversion

♥ **relapse** :

return to a former state (esp. after improvement); N.

♥ **backslide** :

revert (to bad habits); N. reverter

♠ **revile** :

attack with abusive language; vilify(slander)

□ **revoke** :

cancel; retract; CF. irrevocable

♠ **revulsion** :

sudden strong feeling of disgust; sudden violent change of feeling; negative reaction; Ex. revulsion from the scenes of torture

♠ **rhapsodize** :

speak or write in an exaggeratedly enthusiastic manner; Ex. rhapsodize over the beauty of the scenery

♥ **rhapsody** :

excessively enthusiastic expression of feeling; musical composition of irregular form (as if made up as one plays it)

♠ **rhetoric** :

art of effective communication; art of using language effectively and persuasively; style of speaking or writing; grandiloquent language; Ex. political rhetoric; ADJ. rhetorical; CF. rhetorical question: question to which no answer is expected as "Who knows it?"

♠ **ribald** :

marked by vulgar lewd humor; wanton; profane; N. ribaldry: ribald language or joke

♠ **riddle** :

pierce with holes; permeate or spread throughout; Ex. The gunman riddled the car with bullets; Ex. The whole report is riddled with errors; N. large sieve (separating earth from stone)

♠ **rider** :

amendment or clause added to a legislative bill

♠ **rife** :

(of something bad) widespread; abundant; current

♠ **rift** :

narrow opening in a large mass; break in a friendly relation; Ex. through a rift in the clouds; OP. reconciliation

♠ **rig** :

fix or manipulate; manipulate dishonestly for personal gain; Ex. rig the election

♥ **rig** :

arrangement of masts and sails; V. equip (a ship) with rigging; ADJ. rigging: ropes that hold up a ship's sails

□ **rigid** :

hard and unbending; stiff and unyielding; fixed in behavior or views; strict; rigorous; Ex. rigid rule

□ **rigor** :

severity; Ex. rigors of the Russian winter

♠ **rile** :

irritate; vex; muddy

♠ **riveting** :

holding one's attention; absorbing; engrossing

♥ **rivet** :

metal pin used for fastening metal plates together; V. fasten with a rivet; engross

♠ **rivulet** :

small stream; CF. rill ; rivulet ; river

□ **robust** :

strong; vigorous

rococo :

ornate; highly decorated; N. CF. 18th century

♠ **roil** :

make liquids murky by stirring up sediment; disturb

♠ **roseate** :

rosy; optimistic; Ex. roseate views

♠ **roster** :

list (of names)

♠ **rostrum** :

raised platform for speech-making; pulpit

♡ **pulpit** :

raised platform used in preaching (in a church)

♠ **rote** :

repetition; memorization through repetition without understanding; Ex. learn poetry by rote

♠ **rotunda** :

circular building or hall covered with a dome

♠ **rotundity** :

roundness; sonorousness of speech

♡ **rotund** :

(of a person) fat and round

♠ **rousing** :

lively; inducing excitement; stirring; V. rouse: waken; arouse from sleep or depression; excite; stir up

rout :

put to rout; stampede; drive out; N. complete defeat and disorderly retreat

♡ **stampede** :

sudden frenzied rush (of panic-stricken animals or people); V. participate in or cause stampede; Ex. stampede before the price rises

rubble :

fragments (esp. from a destroyed building)

♡ **mason** :

one who builds or works with stone or brick; N. masonry: work of a mason; stonework or brickwork

♠ **rubric** :

title or heading (in red print); directions for religious ceremony; protocol

♠ **ruddy** :

reddish; (of the face) reddish and healthy-looking

rudimentary :

elementary; not developed; crude; N. rudiment: fundamental element or principle; Ex. rudiments of the language

♠ **rue** :

regret; lament; mourn; Ex. He will rue the day; N. ADJ. rueful

♠ **ruffian** :

violent scoundrel; bully

♠ **ruminant** :

chew over and over (mentally or, like cows, physically); mull over(ponder)

♡ **ruminant** :

animal that ruminates; ADJ.

rummage :

ransack; thoroughly search

♠ **runic** :

mysterious; set down in an ancient alphabet; N. rune: one of the letters of an alphabet used by ancient Germanic peoples (cut on stone or wood); magic charm

♠ **ruse** :

trick to deceive; stratagem

rustic :

pertaining to country people; unsophisticated; simple; crude; uncouth; (of furniture) rough with the bark left on; N. rural person; rustic person

rusticate :

banish to the country; dwell in the country

ruthless :

pitiless; merciless; cruel

saboteur :

one who commits sabotage; destroyer of property; N. sabotage: destruction of property (usually carried out secretly)

saccharine :

cloying sweet; characteristic of sugar or saccharin

sacrilegious :

desecrating; profane; N. sacrilege: desecration, misuse, or theft of something sacred

♠ **sacrosanct** :

invioably sacred; most sacred; inviolable

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♠ **sadistic** :

inclined to cruelty; N. sadism: delight in cruelty

saga :

Scandinavian myth; any legend; long heroic narrative

♠ **sagacious** :

wise; perceptive; shrewd; having insight; N. sagacity

♠ **sage** :

person celebrated for wisdom; wise person; ADJ: wise

♠ **salacious** :

lascivious; lustful; Ex. salacious monk

♠ **salient** :

prominent; projecting beyond a line; conspicuous; Ex. salient features

saline :

salty

♠ **sallow** :

(of the skin) yellowish and unhealthy-looking; sickly in color; Ex. sallow complexion due to jaundice

♠ **salubrious** :

healthful; conducive to health or well-being; socially desirable; Ex. salubrious area; CF. health

♠ **salutary** :

tending to improve; beneficial; wholesome; Ex. The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy; CF. health

salvage :

rescue (goods or property) from loss; N: saving; property saved

♠ **sanctimonious** :

displaying ostentatious or hypocritical devoutness; N. sanctimony: hypocritical piety

sanction :

approve; ratify; N: permission; penalty intended to enforce compliance

sanctuary :

place of refuge; shelter; shrine; holy place; Ex. The outlaw was granted sanctuary in the church.

sanguinary :

bloody; with much bloodshed

sanguine :

optimistic; cheerful; hopeful; of the color of blood; red

♠ **sap** :

diminish; weaken; undermine the foundations of (a fortification); Ex. The element kryptonite sapped his strength.

sarcasm :

cutting ironic remark; scornful remarks; stinging rebuke; ADJ. sarcastic

♠ **sardonic** :

scornfully mocking; disdainful; sarcastic; cynical; Ex. sardonic smile

♠ **sartorial** :

pertaining to tailors or tailoring; Ex. a man of great sartorial elegance; CF. sartor: tailor

♠ **sate** :

satisfy to the full; satisfy to excess; cloy

♡ **doze** :

sleep lightly; nap

□ **satellite** :

small body revolving around a larger one

□ **satiate** :

satisfy fully (physical needs such as hunger); sate; N. satiety: condition of being satiated

□ **satire** :

form of literature in which irony, sarcasm, and ridicule are employed to attack human vice and folly

□ **satirical** :

using satire; mocking

□ **saturate** :

soak thoroughly; imbue; impregnate; charge; fill to capacity

♠ **saturnine** :

morose; gloomy; Ex. Do not be misled by his saturnine countenance.

♠ **satyr** :

half-human, half-bestial being in the court of Dionysus (resembling a goat), portrayed as wanton (unrestrained) and cunning; lecher; CF. faun; CF. goat: lecherous man

♠ **saunter** :

stroll (go for a leisurely walk) slowly; N.

♠ **savant** :

scholar; learned person; CF. savoir: know

♠ **savor** :

enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality; N: taste or smell; distinctive quality

♠ **savory** :

pleasant in taste; tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable; Ex. savory reputation

♠ **scabbard** :

case for a sword blade; sheath

♠ **scad** :

a great quantity; Ex. scads of clothes

♠ **scaffold** :

temporary platform for workers (to work at heights above the ground); bracing framework; platform for execution

□ **scale** :

climb up; ascend; remove or come off in scales; N: flake of epidermis; ascending or descending series of musical tones

□ **scanty** :

meager; insufficient

♠ **scapegoat** :

someone who bears the blame for others; whipping boy; CF. escape+goat

♠ **scavenge** :

hunt through discarded materials for usable items or food; search, especially for food; N. scavenger: one who scavenges; animal that feeds on refuse and carrion

♡ **refuse** :

anything discarded or rejected as worthless; trash

□ **scenario** :

plot outline; screenplay (script for a movie); opera libretto; outline of possible future events

□ **schematic** :

of a schema or scheme; relating to an outline or diagram; using a system of symbols; N. schema: diagrammatic representation; outline

♡ **scheme** :

systematic plan; plot; clever dishonest plan; orderly arrangement of elements; Ex. health insurance scheme; Ex. a scheme to escape taxes; Ex. a color scheme; Ex. a story with no scheme; V: contrive a scheme

♠ **schism** :

division into factions (esp. within a religious body); split

♠ **scintilla** :

trace; minute amount; shred; least bit; Ex. There is not a scintilla of truth; CF. spark

♠ **scintillate** :

sparkle; flash; be animated; be full of life; Ex. scintillating conversation

♠ **scoff** :

laugh (at); mock; ridicule; Ex. scoff at their threats

♠ **scotch** :

stamp out(put an end to); thwart; hinder; Ex. scotch the rumor; CE cut; CE. 활동을 줄이는 의미

♡ **score** :

number of points; written form of a musical composition; reason; group of 20; notch or incision; Ex. full/vocal score; Ex. Don't worry on that score; V: mark with lines or notches; Ex. score the paper to make it easy to fold

♡ **stamp** :

step on heavily (so as to crush or extinguish); put an end to; imprint or impress with a mark, design, or seal; shape with a die; characterize; Ex. machine stamping out car bodies; Ex. newspaper stamping him as a liar; N. stamping; implement used to stamp; impression stamped; mark; Ex. Her remarks bear the stamp of truth.

♠ **scourge** :

lash; whip (formerly used for punishment); source of severe punishment; V: whip; afflict

♠ **scruple** :

hesitate for ethical reasons; fret about; Ex. She did not scruple to read his diary; N: uneasy feeling arising from conscience; conscience

□ **scrupulous** :

conscientious; extremely thorough; Ex. scrupulous worker

□ **scrutinize** :

examine closely and critically; N. scrutiny

♠ **scuffle** :

struggle confusedly; move off in a confused hurry; N. CF. scuffling twins ?

♡ **shuffle** :

mix together; jumble; move (something) from one place to another; slide (the feet) along the ground while walking; Ex. shuffle papers from one pile to another; N.

♠ **scurrilous** :

abusive; obscene; indecent; Ex. scurrilous remark

♠ **scurry** :

move hastily; hurry; move briskly

♠ **scurvy** :

contemptible; despicable; N: disease caused by deficiency of Vitamin C

♠ **scuttle** :

sink (a ship) by cutting holes in the hull; scrap, discard; N: small hatch in a ship's deck or hull

♡ **hull** :

husk; dry outer covering of a seed; frame or body of a ship

♠ **seamy** :

sordid; base; filthy; unwholesome; Ex. seamy side of city life

♡ **base** :

contemptible; morally bad; inferior in value or quality; Ex. base motives/conduct; Ex. base metal such as iron

♠ **sear** :

burn the surface of; char or burn; brand; parch; cause (a plant) to wither

♡ **char** :

make or become black by burning; reduce or be reduced to carbon or charcoal(black substance made by burning wood) by incomplete combustion

♡ **scorch** :

sear; N.

♡ **brand** :

trademark; mark burned on the hide of an animal; mark burned into the flesh of criminals; mark of disgrace; V: mark with a brand; give a lasting bad name; stigmatize; Ex. The press branded him a liar.

♥ **hide** :

skin of an animal

□ **seasoned** :

experienced

♥ **season** :

enhance the flavor of by adding a spice, etc.; inure; harden; N. seasoning: something used in seasoning

♥ **seasonal** :

of a particular season; Ex. seasonal rise in employment

♥ **seasonable** :

occurring at the proper time or season; opportune; Ex. seasonable intervention in the dispute

□ **secession** :

withdrawal; V. secede: withdraw formally from membership

□ **seclusion** :

isolation; solitude; V. seclude: set apart from others; isolate

♠ **secrete** :

conceal; hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism; CF. secretive

□ **sect** :

separate religious body; faction; group of people with common beliefs within a larger group

♥ **sectarian** :

of a sect; narrow-minded; parochial; N: member of a sect; narrow-minded person

♥ **denomination** :

religious group; unit in a system; name or designation; CF. denominator: common trait or characteristic

□ **secular** :

worldly; not pertaining to church matters or religion; temporal

♠ **sedate** :

composed (with no excitement); grave; V: administer a sedative to; CF. sedative

□ **sedentary** :

requiring sitting; done while sitting; not moving from one place to another; settled; Ex. sedentary job/population

□ **sedition** :

conduct or language inciting rebellion; rebellion; resistance to authority; insubordination; ADJ. seditious

♠ **sedulous** :

diligent; assiduous; paying attention; N. sedulity

♠ **seedy** :

run-down; decrepit; disreputable; having many seeds; Ex. seedy downtown hotel

♥ **run-down** :

(of a place) dilapidated; in a bad condition; (of a person) weak or exhausted

♠ **seemly** :

(of behavior) proper; appropriate

♠ **seep** :

pass slowly through small openings; ooze; trickle; N. seepage

♠ **seethe** :

be violently disturbed; boil; (of a liquid) move about wildly as if boiling; Ex. The nation was seething with discontent.

♠ **seine** :

seine net; net for catching fish

□ **seismic** :

pertaining to earthquakes

♠ **semblance** :

outward appearance; guise; Ex. We called in the troops to bring a/some semblance of order to the city.

□ **seminal** :

related to seed or semen; germinal; creative; providing a basis for further development; influencing future developments; Ex. seminal research in a new field

♠ **seminary** :

school for training future ministers; secondary school, especially for young women

□ **senility** :

old age; feeble-mindedness of old age; ADJ. senile: resulting from old age; showing the weakness of body or mind from old age; Ex. senile dementia

♥ **feeble-minded** :

deficient in intelligence; very stupid

♠ **sensitization** :

process of being made sensitive or acutely responsive to an external agent or substance; V. sensitize: make or become sensitive

□ **sensual** :

devoted to the pleasures of the sense; carnal; voluptuous; Ex. sensual woman/curves/lips

♥ **voluptuous** :

sensual; of or giving sensual pleasure; indulging in sensual pleasures; Ex. voluptuous lines; Ex. voluptuous life of the Romans; N. voluptuary: voluptuous person

□ **sensuous** :

giving pleasure to the senses; pertaining to the physical senses; operating through the senses; sensuous feeling of soft velvet on the skin

♠ **sententious** :

pithy; terse; concise; aphoristic

♠ **sentient** :

capable of sensation and conscious; aware; sensitive; Ex. sentient creature; N. sentience

□ **sentinel** :

sentry; lookout

♥ **lookout** :

act of keeping watch; high place commanding a wide view; person who keeps watch

♠ **septic** :

of or causing sepsis; putrid; producing putrefaction; N. sepsis: poisoning of part of the body (producing pus)

♠ **sepulcher** :

tomb; V. place in a sepulcher; ADJ. sepulchral

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♠ **sequester** :

isolate; segregate; seclude; retire from public life

♠ **sere** :

sear; parched; dry

♠ **serendipity** :

gift for finding valuable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck; CF. The Three Princes of Serendip

□ **serenity** :

calmness; placidity; ADJ. serene

♠ **serpentine** :

winding; twisting; of or like a serpent; Ex. serpentine course of the river; N. serpent: snake

♠ **serrated** :

having a sawtoothed edge; Ex. serrated leaf

□ **servile** :

slavish; cringing; N. servility

□ **servitude** :

slavery; compulsory labor imposed as a punishment

♠ **sever** :

separate; cut off (a part) from a whole; break up (a relationship); N. severance; CF. severance pay: extra pay given an employee upon leaving a position

□ **severity** :

harshness; intensity; sternness; austerity; ADJ. severe: harsh; strict; extremely violent or intense

♠ **sextant** :

navigation tool used to determine a ship's latitude and longitude (by measuring the altitudes of stars)

♠ **shackle** :

chain; fetter; confine with shackles; N.

♠ **sham** :

pretend; feign; ADJ: not genuine; fake; Ex. sham jewelry; N: something that is not what it appears; impostor; pretense; Ex. The agreement was a sham.

♠ **shambles** :

(place or scene of) complete disorder or ruin; wreck; mess; Ex. After the hurricane, the coast was a shambles.

♠ **shard** :

fragment generally of broken pottery (glass, clay bowl, or cup)

♠ **shaving** :

very thin piece, usually of wood (cut from a surface with a sharp blade)

♡ **plane** :

carpenter's tool for smoothing and leveling wood; V. CF. flat

♠ **sheaf** :

bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of things tied together

♠ **sheathe** :

place into a case; insert into or provide with a sheath; Ex. He sheathed his dagger; N. sheath: case for a blade

♠ **sherbet** :

flavored dessert ice

♠ **shimmer** :

shine with a flickering light; glimmer intermittently; Ex. The moonlight shimmered on the water; N.

♠ **shirk** :

avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); malingering

♠ **shoddy** :

made of inferior material; sham; not genuine; inferior; dishonest; Ex. shoddy goods/trick

♠ **shrew** :

scolding woman; very small mouselike animal

□ **shrewd** :

clever; astute

♠ **shun** :

keep away from; avoid deliberately; Ex. She has been shunned by her neighbors.

♠ **shunt** :

move (a railway train) from one track to another; turn aside; divert; sidetrack; Ex. shunt traffic around an accident; N.

♡ **sidetrack** :

switch (a railroad car) to a siding; divert from a main issue; N. CF. siding: short section of railroad track connected by switches with a main track

♠ **shyster** :

lawyer using questionable methods; unscrupulous practitioner

□ **sibling** :

brother or sister

♠ **sibylline** :

prophetic; oracular; N. sibyl: woman prophet (in the ancient world)

♠ **sidereal** :

relating to stars; Ex. sidereal day

♠ **silt** :

sediment deposited by running water (at the entrance to a harbor or by a bend in a river)

♠ **simian** :

monkeylike; N: ape or monkey

□ **simile** :

comparison of one thing with another, using the word like or as

♠ **simper** :

smirk; smile in a silly way; smile affectedly

□ **simplistic** :

oversimplified

□ **simulate** :

feign; imitate

♠ **sinecure** :

well-paid position with little responsibility; CF. sine cure: without care; CF. San Serif

♠ **sinewy** :

(of meat) tough; strong and firm; muscular; N. sinew: tendon; strong cord connecting a muscle to a bone

□ **singular** :

being only one; individual; unique; extraordinary; odd; Ex. singular beauty/behavior

□ **sinister** :

evil; ominous

♠ **sinuous** :

twisting; winding; bending in and out; not morally honest

□ **skeptic** :

sceptic; doubter; person who suspends judgment until he has examined the evidence supporting a point of view; ADJ. skeptical; N. skepticism; scepticism

♠ **skiff** :

small light sailboat or rowboat

♠ **skimp** :

provide or use scantily; live very economically; Ex. skimp on necessities; ADJ. skimpy: inadequate in amount; scanty; stingy; niggardly

♠ **skinflint** :

miser; stingy person

□ **skirmish** :

minor fight; minor battle in war; V.

♠ **skittish** :

inconstant; capricious; frivolous; not serious; Ex. charming but skittish young woman; CF. skit

♥ **frisk** :

move about playfully; frolic; ADJ. frisky: playful

♠ **skulduggery(skulduggery)** :

dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skulduggery in the election

♠ **skulk** :

move furtively and secretly; Ex. He skulked through the less fashionable sections of the city.

♠ **slacken** :

slow up; loosen; make or become slack

♥ **slack** :

moving slowly; sluggish; inactive; (of a rope) loose; negligent; lax; Ex. slack season; Ex. slack in one's work; N. V.

♠ **slag** :

glassy residue from smelting metal; dross; waste matter

□ **slake** :

satisfy (thirst); quench; sate

□ **slander** :

defamation; utterance of false and malicious statements; V. ADJ. slanderous

♠ **slapdash** :

hasty and careless; haphazard; sloppy(carelessly done)

♠ **sleazy** :

shabby and dirty; flimsy; insubstantial; Ex. sleazy back-street hotel/fabric

♠ **sleeper** :

one that achieves unexpected success; something originally of little value or importance that in time becomes very valuable

□ **sleight** :

dexterity; CF. sleight of hand: legerdemain; quickness of the hands in doing tricks

♠ **slew** :

large quantity or number; Ex. slew of errands left

♠ **slight** :

insult to one's dignity; snub; V. treat as if of small importance; insult; snub; ADJ. small in size; of small importance

♠ **slipshod** :

slovenly; careless; sloppy; untidy; shabby; Ex. slipshod work

♠ **slither** :

slip or slide

□ **sloth** :

slow moving tree-dwelling mammal; laziness; ADJ. slothful: lazy; indolent

♠ **slough** :

(of a snake) shed or cast off (dead outer skin); N: outer layer that is shed

♠ **slovenly** :

untidy; careless in work habits; slipshod; N. sloven: one who is habitually untidy or careless

♥ **sledge** :

large sled drawn by work animals

♥ **sleigh** :

large vehicle drawn by a horse over snow or ice

♠ **sluggard** :

lazy person

□ **sluggish** :

lazy; slow; inactive; lethargic; CF. slug; nail with no shell

♠ **sluice** :

artificial channel for directing or controlling the flow of water (with a gate to regulate the flow)

♠ **slur** :

slander; insult to one's character or reputation; V.

♠ **slur** :

pronounce indistinctly; speak indistinctly; mumble

♠ **smattering** :

slight knowledge; small scattered number or amount; Ex. smattering of German

♠ **smelt** :

melt (ore) for separating and removing the metal; melt or blend ores changing their chemical composition

♠ **smirk** :

conceited smile; offensively self-satisfied smile (often at someone else's misfortune); V.

♠ **smolder** :

smoulder; burn slowly without flame; be liable to break out at any moment; exist in a suppressed state; Ex.

smoldering anger

♠ **snicker** :

half-stifled(suppressed) laugh; V.

♠ **snivel** :

complain or whine tearfully; run at the nose; snuffle; Ex. Don't come back sniveling to me.

♥ **snuffle** :

sniffle; sniff repeatedly (in order to keep liquid from running out of the nose)

□ **sobriety** :

moderation (especially regarding indulgence in alcohol); seriousness

♥ **sober** :

serious; solemn; not drunken; abstemious or temperate; V. make or become sober

♠ **sodden** :

thoroughly soaked; dull or stupid as if from drink

♠ **sojourn** :

temporary stay; V. stay for a time

♠ **solace** :

comfort in sorrow or trouble; consolation; V. comfort or console in time of sorrow or trouble

♠ **solder** :

repair or make whole by using a metal alloy; N: metal alloy (usually tin and lead) used in the molten state to

join metallic parts

♠ **solecism** :

nonstandard grammatical construction; construction that is flagrantly incorrect grammatically; violation of social etiquette

solemnity :

seriousness; gravity

solicit :

entreat; request earnestly; seek to obtain; Ex. solicit votes; CF. solicitor: one who solicits; chief law officer

♠ **solicitous** :

anxious; worried; concerned; eager; Ex. solicitous to do something; N. solicitude

soliloquy :

talking to oneself (esp. in a play); CF. monologue: soliloquy; long speech by one person (often monopolizing a conversation)

solitude :

state of being alone; seclusion; ADJ. solitary: existing or living alone (esp. by choice); remote or secluded; single; sole; Ex. solitary life/inn; Ex. no solitary piece of proof

solstice :

point or time at which the sun is farthest from the equator

soluble :

able to be dissolved in a liquid; able to be worked out or solved

solvent :

able to pay all debts; N. solvency

solvent :

substance that dissolves another; ADJ: capable of dissolving another substance

somatic :

pertaining to the body; bodily; physical

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♠ **somber** :

dark; gloomy; melancholy; depressing; CF. shadow

somnambulist :

sleepwalker; V. somnambulate; N. somnambulism

♠ **somnolent** :

half asleep; drowsy; N. somnolence

♠ **sonorous** :

resonant; producing a full deep sound; producing sound

♡ **sonic** :

of sound or its speed in air; CF. subsonic, supersonic

♡ **sonnet** :

14-line poetic verse form with a fixed rhyme pattern

sophist :

teacher of philosophy; quibbler; employer of fallacious reasoning; N. sophism: plausible but fallacious argument

sophisticated :

worldly wise and urbane; refined; complex; N. sophistication; V. sophisticate

sophistry :

seemingly plausible but fallacious reasoning; sophism

♠ **sophomoric** :

immature; half-baked; like a sophomore

♠ **soporific** :

sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness; drowsy

♠ **sordid** :

filthy; foul; base; vile; Ex. sordid bed/story

♠ **spangle** :

small shiny metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation

sparse :

not thick; thinly scattered; scanty

♠ **spartan** :

without attention to comfort; lacking luxury and comfort; sternly disciplined; Ex. spartan living condition/life

♠ **spasmodic** :

fitful; periodic; of or like a spasm; N. spasm: sudden involuntary muscular contraction; sudden burst of energy or emotion

♠ **spat** :

squabble; minor dispute; minor quarrel

♠ **spate** :

sudden flood or rush; Ex. spate of accidents

□ **spatial** :

relating to space

♠ **spatula** :

broad-bladed instrument used for spreading or mixing

□ **spawn** :

lay eggs (in large numbers); produce offspring (in large numbers); N: eggs of aquatic animals

□ **specious** :

seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often intentionally)

□ **spectral** :

ghostly; N. specter: spectre; ghost; phantom

□ **spectrum** :

colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism; broad and continuous range; Ex. whole spectrum of modern thoughts

♠ **spendthrift** :

someone who wastes money; CF. thrift: accumulated wealth

♠ **sphinx-like** :

enigmatic; mysterious

♠ **splice** :

join together end to end to make one continuous length; fasten together; unite; Ex. splice two strips of tape; N.

□ **spontaneity** :

lack of premeditation; naturalness; freedom from constraint; ADJ. spontaneous: self-generated; unpremeditated; happening without being planned

♠ **spoonerism** :

accidental transposition of sounds in successive words; Ex. "Let me sew you to your sheet" for "Let me show you to your seat"; CF. William Spooner

♡ **transpose** :

reverse the order or position of

□ **sporadic** :

occurring irregularly; intermittent

♠ **sportive** :

playful; frolicsome; merry; CF. sport: play or frolic; CF. sportsmanlike

♠ **spruce** :

neat and trim in appearance; smart; Ex. Be spruce for your job interview; V.

♠ **spry** :

(esp. of older people) vigorously active; nimble

♡ **nimble** :

quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding; Ex. nimble climber/mind

♠ **spurious** :

false; counterfeit; forged; illogical; Ex. spurious arguments

♠ **spurn** :

reject disdainfully; scorn; Ex. She spurned all offers of help.

♠ **squabble** :

minor quarrel; bickering; V: engage in a minor quarrel; Ex. squabbling children

♠ **squalor** :

condition of being squalid; filthy; degradation; dirty neglected state; ADJ. squalid: dirty; sordid; morally repulsive; Ex. squalid story

□ **squander** :

waste; spend foolishly

♠ **squat** :

short and thick; stocky; Ex. ugly squat tower; V. N.

♠ **staccato** :

played in an abrupt manner; marked by abrupt sharp sound; Ex. staccato applause

♥ **legato** :

(of music) played smoothly

□ **stagnant** :

(of water) not flowing (often bad-smelling); motionless; stale; not developing; inactive; dull; Ex. stagnant industrial output

♠ **staid** :

serious and sedate; sober; Ex. staid during the funeral ceremony

□ **stalemate** :

deadlock; situation in which further action is blocked

♠ **stalwart** :

physically strong; brawny; steadfast; strong in mind or determination; Ex. stalwart supporter; N: stalwart follower

□ **stamina** :

power of endurance; strength; staying power

♠ **stanch** :

stop or check flow of blood; Ex. stanch the gushing wound

♠ **stanza** :

division of a poem (composed of two or more lines)

□ **static** :

having no motion; unchanging; lacking development; N. stasis: stable state

□ **statute** :

law enacted by the legislature

□ **statutory** :

created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit

♠ **steadfast** :

steadily loyal; unswerving; steady

□ **stealth** :

action of moving secretly or unseen; slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness; ADJ. stealthy

♠ **steep** :

soak; saturate; Ex. steep the fabric in the dye bath; ADJ: precipitous

□ **stellar** :

pertaining to the stars; of a star performer; outstanding; Ex. stellar attraction of the entire performance

♠ **stem** :

stop or check (the flow of); Ex. stem the bleeding from the slashed artery; N: main axis of a plant; stalk

□ **stem from** :

arise from; originate from

♠ **stentorian** :

(of the voice) extremely loud; CF. Stentor: a loud herald in the Iliad

□ **stereotype** :

one regarded as embodying a set image or type; fixed and unvarying representation; standardized mental picture often reflecting prejudice; Ex. stereotype of the happy slave; V: make a stereotype of; represent by a stereotype; Ex. It is wrong to stereotype people; Ex. stereotyped answer

♠ **stickler** :

perfectionist; person who insists things be exactly right

♠ **stifle** :

suppress; extinguish; inhibit; smother or suffocate

♥ **smother** :

kill from lack of air; suppress; cover thickly; Ex. smothered in little stickers

♥ **suffocate** :

die or kill from lack of air; suppress

♠ **stigma** :

token of disgrace; brand; V. stigmatize: mark with a stigma; characterize as disgraceful

♠ **stilted** :

bombastic; stiffly pompous; Ex. stilted rhetoric; CF. stiff: formal

♠ **stint** :

set limits in amount or number; be thrifty; ADJ. stinting, unstinting; CF. stint:savings

♠ **stint** :

supply; allotted amount of work; assigned portion of work; limitation; Ex. two-year stint in the army; Ex. without stint

♠ **stipend** :

pay for services

♠ **stipple** :

paint or draw with dots or short strokes

□ **stipulate** :

state as a necessary condition (of an agreement); make express conditions; specify; Ex. He stipulated payment in advance

♠ **stock** :

standard; kept regularly in stock or supply; typical; routine; common; Ex. stock sizes of paper; Ex. stock excuse/character; N: goods for sale in a shop; OP. unique

♠ **stockade** :

wooden enclosure or pen; fixed line of posts used as defensive barrier

♡ **pen** :

fenced enclosure for animals; confining space; Ex. sheep pen; V: confine in a pen; enclose

♠ **stodgy** :

dull; stuffy; boringly conservative; Ex. stodgy book

□ **stoic** :

stoical; impassive; unmoved by joy or grief; N. CF. stoicism

♠ **stoke** :

stir up a fire or furnace; feed plentifully

♠ **stolid** :

dull; impassive; showing little emotion when strong feelings are expected

□ **stratagem** :

deceptive scheme; clever trick

□ **stratified** :

divided into classes; arranged into strata; V. stratify

□ **stratum** :

layer of earth's surface; layer of society; PL. strata

♠ **strew** :

spread randomly; sprinkle; scatter; Ex. flower girl strewing rose petals

♠ **striated** :

marked with parallel bands; striped; grooved; Ex. striated rocks; V. striate; N. stria: thin groove or line

♠ **stricture** :

severe and adverse criticism; critical comments; limit or restriction

♠ **strident** :

loud and harsh; insistent; N. stridency

□ **stringent** :

(of rules) binding; rigid; marked by scarcity of money; Ex. stringent economic conditions

♠ **strut** :

pompous walk; V: walk in a self-important manner

♠ **strut** :

supporting bar; CF. airplane wing이나 building 등을 support

♠ **studied** :

carefully contrived; calculated; unspontaneous; deliberate; thoughtful; Ex. studied remark

♠ **stultify** :

make stupid in mind; cause to appear or become stupid or inconsistent; suppress; frustrate or hinder; Ex. stultifying effect of uninteresting work; Ex. stultify free expression

♠ **stupefy** :

stun; make numb (as with a drug); amaze

♠ **stupor** :

state of being stupefied; state of apathy; daze; lack of awareness

♡ **stun** :

make unconscious or numb as by a blow; amaze; astound

♡ **daze** :

stun as with a blow or shock; bemuse; benumb; N.

♠ **stygian** :

unpleasantly dark; gloomy; hellish; deathly; Cf. Styx: the chief river in the subterranean land of the dead

♠ **stymie** :

thwart; present an obstacle; stump

♡ **stump** :

base of a tree trunk left after the rest has been cut down; V: walk in a heavy manner; baffle; puzzle

♠ **suavity** :

urbanity; polish; ADJ. suave: smooth and courteous

♠ **subaltern** :

subordinate

□ **subdue** :

less intense; quieter; Ex. subdued lighting; Ex. subdue: conquer; make less intense; quiet; Ex. subdue one's anger

□ **subjective** :

influenced by personal feelings; occurring or taking place within the mind; unreal; Ex. subjective sensation of the ghostly presence

□ **subjugate** :

conquer; bring under control

□ **sublimate** :

refine; purify; replace (natural urges) with socially acceptable activities; change between a solid state and a gaseous state

□ **sublime** :

causing deep feelings of wonder, joy, respect, etc.; exalted; noble and uplifting; utter

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□ **subliminal** :

below the threshold of conscious perception; Ex. subliminal advertisement

□ **submissive** :

willing to obey orders; yielding; timid

□ **subordinate** :

occupying a lower rank; inferior; submissive; N. V: put in a lower rank or class

♠ **suborn** :

persuade to act unlawfully (especially to commit perjury); N. subornation

♠ **subpoena** :

writ(written command issued by a court) summoning a witness to appear in court; V: summon with a subpoena

□ **subsequent** :

following in time or order; later

□ **subservient** :

behaving like a slave; servile; obsequious; subordinate; N. subservience

□ **subside** :

sink to a lower level; settle down; sink to the bottom (as a sediment); descend; grow quiet; become less; moderate; abate

□ **subsidiary** :

serving to assist; subordinate; secondary; of a subsidy; N.

□ **subsidy** :

direct financial aid by government, etc.; V. subsidize: assist with a subsidy

subsistence :

existence; means of subsisting; means of support; livelihood; V. subsist: exist; maintain life (at a meager level)

substantial :

of substance; material; solid; essential or fundamental; ample; considerable; well-to-do; wealthy

substantiate :

support (a claim) with evidence; establish with evidence; verify

♠ **substantive** :

substantial; essential; pertaining to the substance; substantial; considerable; Ex. substantive issues

♠ **subsume** :

include (as a member of a group); encompass

♠ **subterfuge** :

stratagem(deceptive scheme); pretense; evasion; Ex. resort to a harmless subterfuge

subtlety :

perceptiveness; ingenuity; delicacy; ADJ. subtle: delicate; so slight as to be difficult to detect; able to make fine distinctions; clever; Ex. subtle mind /differences in meaning

♠ **subversive** :

tending to overthrow or ruin; V. subvert: overthrow completely (an established system); destroy completely;
CF. undermine ?

succor :

assist (someone in difficulty); aid; comfort; N.

♠ **succulent** :

juicy; full of juice or sap; full of richness; N: succulent plant such as a cactus

succumb :

yield (to something overwhelming); give in; die; Ex. succumb to the illness

♠ **suffragist** :

advocate of the extension of voting rights (for women); CF. suffrage

♠ **suffuse** :

spread through or over (with a color or liquid); charge; Ex. A blush suffused her cheeks.

♠ **sully** :

defile; soil; tarnish; Ex. sully one's hands in menial labor

♡ **tarnish** :

make or become dull or discolored; N.

sultry :

(of weather) hot; sweltering; sensual; voluptuous

summation :

act of finding the total; summing-up; summary (esp. one given by the judge at the end of a trial)

♠ **sumptuous** :

grand suggesting great expense; lavish; rich; Ex. sumptuous feast

♠ **sunder** :

separate; part; CF. asunder

♠ **sundry** :

miscellaneous; various; several; N. sundries: small miscellaneous items

♠ **superannuated** :

retired or disqualified because of age; outmoded; obsolete

supercilious :

haughty; arrogant; condescending; patronizing; CF. eyebrow, cilium

♠ **supererogatory** :

superfluous; more than needed or demanded

superficial :

of the surface; not deep; shallow; not thorough; trivial; Ex. superficial analysis/knowledge

superfluous :

excessive; overabundant; unnecessary; N. superfluity

superimpose :

place over something else

♠ **supernumerary** :

person or thing excess of what is necessary; extra; ADJ: additional to the usual or necessary number

□ **supersede** :

replace; cause to be set aside; make obsolete; N. supersession

♠ **supine** :

lying on back; passive; inactive; Ex. The defeated pugilist lay supine; Ex. supine acceptance of the decision

□ **supplant** :

take the place of unfairly; usurp; replace

□ **supple** :

flexible; limber; pliant

□ **suppliant** :

entreating; beseeching; N.

□ **supplicate** :

petition humbly; pray to grant a favor

♡ **supplicant** :

one who supplicates; ADJ.

□ **supposition** :

assumption; hypothesis; surmise; V. suppose

♠ **supposititious** :

assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical

□ **suppress** :

put an end to forcibly; subdue; stifle; overwhelm; inhibit the expression of; check; prevent from being published or made public; Ex. suppress a smile; Ex. suppress the magazine/truth

♠ **surfeit** :

satiate; feed or supply to excess; stuff; indulge to excess in anything; N: surfeiting; excessive amount; Ex. surfeit of food

♠ **surly** :

bad-tempered; rude; cross

♡ **cross** :

bad-tempered; showing ill-humor; angry

□ **surmise** :

guess; N.

□ **surmount** :

overcome

□ **surpass** :

exceed

□ **surreptitious** :

done secretly; secret; furtive; sneaky; hidden

♠ **surrogate** :

substitute; person or thing used in place of another; Ex. surrogate mother; ADJ.

□ **surveillance** :

close observation of a person (esp. one under suspicion); watching; guarding

♠ **susceptible** :

impressionable; easily influenced; sensitive; having little resistance as to a disease; likely to suffer; receptive to; capable of accepting; Ex. susceptible to persuasion/colds; Ex. The agreement is not susceptible of alteration; N. susceptibility

□ **sustain** :

suffer (harm or loss); experience; support; prop; maintain; keep in existence; nourish (to maintain life); Ex. sustain the family/the trapped miners

□ **sustenance** :

sustaining; means of livelihood, support, food, nourishment; something that maintains life; food

♠ **suture** :

stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a wound or incision; material used in sewing; V: sew together a wound

♠ **swarthy** :

(of a skin or complexion) dark; dusky; Ex. swarthy Italian ?

♠ **swathe** :

swath; wrap around; bandage; Ex. one's head swathed in bandages

♠ **swelter** :

(of a person) suffer from oppressive heat; be oppressed by heat

♠ **swerve** :

deviate; turn aside sharply from a straight course; Ex. swerve from the principle; Ex. The car swerved to the right.

♠ **swill** :

drink greedily

□ **swindler** :

cheater

♠ **sybarite** :

lover of luxury; person devoted to pleasure and luxury; CF. Sybaris: an ancient Greek city in Italy

□ **sycophant** :

servile flatterer; bootlicker; yes man; ADJ. sycophantic

□ **syllogism** :

logical formula consisting of a major premise, a minor premise and a conclusion; deceptive or specious argument

♠ **sylvan** :

pertaining to the woods or the country

♠ **symbiosis** :

interdependent relationship (between groups, species) often mutually beneficial; ADJ. symbiotic; CF. together + life

□ **symmetry** :

arrangement of parts so that balance is obtained; congruity; ADJ. symmetrical

♥ **lopsided** :

heavier or larger on one side than the other; Ex. lopsided way of walking

□ **synchronous** :

similarly timed; simultaneous with; occurring at the same time; V. synchronize

□ **synoptic** :

providing a general overview; summary; N. synopsis

□ **synthesis** :

combining parts or separate things into a whole; the whole so formed; PL. syntheses; V. synthesize

□ **synthetic** :

not natural; artificial; resulting from synthesis; Ex. synthetic fiber; N.

□ **tacit** :

understood (without actually being expressed); not put into words; Ex. tacit agreement

♠ **taciturn** :

habitually silent; talking little

□ **tactile** :

pertaining to the organs or sense of touch

♥ **tact** :

skill or sensitivity in dealing with people without causing offence

♥ **tactful** :

careful not to cause offence; OP. tactless

♠ **taint** :

contaminate; cause to lose purity; modify with a trace of something bad; Ex. tainted reputation; N: stain; touch of decay or bad influence; CF. touch

♠ **talisman** :

charm; object believed to give supernatural powers to or protect its bearer

♠ **talon** :

claw of bird

♠ **tangential** :

only slightly connected; not central; peripheral; digressing; showing divergence; CF. tangent

□ **tangible** :

able to be touched; real; concrete; palpable; possible to realize or understand; Ex. tangible proof

♠ **tanner** :

person who turns animal hides into leather

♡ **tan** :

convert (hide) into leather; make brown by exposure to the sun

♠ **tantalize** :

tease; excite by exposing something desirable while keeping it out of reach; torture with disappointment; CF.

Tantalus: Greek mythological figure

♠ **tantamount** :

equivalent in effect or value; Ex. This invasion is tantamount to a declaration of war; CF. amount

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♠ **tantrum** :

fit of bad temper; fit of petulance; caprice; Ex. The child went into tantrums.

♠ **taper** :

very thin candle; gradual decrease in the width of a long object; V. make or become gradually narrower toward one end

♠ **tarantula** :

venomous spider

♠ **tarry** :

linger; delay in starting or going; dawdle

♠ **taut** :

tight; strained; tense; ready; OP: slack

♠ **tautological** :

needlessly repetitious; Ex. "It was visible to the eye"; N. tautology: needless repetition of the same sense; statement that is always true

♠ **tawdry** :

cheap and gaudy; Ex. tawdry jewelry

□ **taxonomist** :

specialist in classifying (animals, etc.); CF. taxonomy: science of classification

□ **tedium** :

boredom; weariness; ADJ. tedious

♠ **teetotalism** :

practice of abstaining totally from alcoholic drinks; N. teetotaler; ADJ. teetotal; CF. T + total

□ **temerity** :

boldness; nerve; rashness; Ex. temerity to ask for a pay increase after only three day's work

□ **temper** :

moderate; make less severe; tone down or restrain; toughen (steel) as by alternate heating and cooling

□ **temperament** :

characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess; ADJ. temperamental: of temperament; having frequent changes of temper; Ex. temperamental dislike of sports; Ex. temperamental actress

□ **temperate** :

moderate; restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature; CF. temperance: moderation and self-restraint; abstinence of alcoholic drinks; Ex. temperance society

♠ **tempestuous** :

stormy; violent; impassioned; N. tempest: violent storm

□ **tempo** :

speed of music

♠ **temporal** :

of time; not lasting forever; limited by time; temporary; secular; worldly

♠ **temporize** :

gain time as by postponing an action; avoid committing oneself

□ **tenacious** :

holding fast (as to a belief); persistent

□ **tenacity** :

firmness; persistence

♠ **tendentious** :

promoting a particular point of view; biased; having an aim; designed to further a cause; Ex. tendentious rather than truth-seeking; CF. tend: move in a certain direction

tender :

offer formally; extend; Ex. tender one's resignation/the exact fare; N: formal offer; money; Ex. legal tender; ADJ: young and vulnerable; sensitive to the touch; sore; soft; delicate; Ex. child of tender years; Ex. tender wound

tenet :

doctrine; dogma

♠ **tensile** :

capable of being stretched; of tension; Ex. tensile rubber

♡ **tension** :

stretching; condition of being stretched; mental strain; strained relationship between groups or people

♠ **tentative** :

not fully worked out or developed; provisional; experimental; uncertain; hesitant; not definite or positive; Ex. tentative agreement/reply

♠ **tenuous** :

thin; slim; rare

tenure :

holding of an office or real estate; time during which such an office is held

♠ **tepid** :

lukewarm; slightly warm; 미지근한; half-hearted; not eager; Ex. tepid reaction to the new film; Ex. tepid supporter

termination :

end; V. terminate

terminology :

terms used in a science or art; study of nomenclature

♠ **terminus** :

last stop of railroad; end

♡ **terminal** :

part that forms the end; railroad or bus station; ADJ. forming an end; ending in death; fatal; Ex. terminal cancer

terrestrial :

on or relating to the earth

terse :

concise; abrupt; pithy

♠ **tertiary** :

third in order or rank

♠ **tessellated** :

mosaic; inlaid; Ex. tessellated pattern

♠ **testator** :

maker of a will; CF. testatrix

♠ **testy** :

irritable; impatient and bad-tempered; short-tempered; N. testiness

♠ **tether** :

tie (an animal) with a rope or tether; N: rope or chain to which an animal is tied; limit of one's endurance; Ex. the end of one's tether

thematic :

of a theme; relating to a unifying motif or idea

theocracy :

government run by religious leaders

theoretical :

based on theory; not practical or applied; hypothetical

therapeutic :

curative; N. therapy

♠ **thermal** :

pertaining to heat; producing heat; warm; Ex. thermal bath; N: rising current of warm air

♠ **thespian** :

pertaining to drama; N: actor or actress

♥ **drama** :

prose or verse composition to be performed by actors; play; exciting and unusual situation

♠ **thrall** :

slave; bondage; slavery; Ex. Her beauty held him in thrall; CF. enthrall

♠ **threadbare** :

worn through till the threads show; shabby and poor; hackneyed; Ex. threadbare excuses

□ **thrifty** :

careful about money; economical; N. thrift

□ **thrive** :

prosper; flourish

□ **throes** :

violent anguish

♠ **throng** :

crowd (of people or things); V.

♠ **throttle** :

strangle; regulate the speed of with a throttle; N: valve that regulates the flow; CF. throat ?

♥ **strangle** :

kill by choking or suffocating; suppress

□ **thwart** :

block or hinder; baffle; frustrate

♠ **tightwad** :

miser; excessively frugal person

♠ **tiller** :

handle used to move boat's rudder (to steer)

♠ **timbre** :

quality of a musical tone produced by a musical instrument (which distinguishes it from others of the same pitch)

□ **timidity** :

lack of self-confidence or courage

□ **timorous** :

fearful; timid; demonstrating fear

♠ **tipple** :

drink (alcoholic beverages) frequently; N: alcoholic drink

♠ **tirade** :

long angry denunciatory speech; diatribe; harangue; extended scolding; denunciation

♥ **tardy** :

slow; sluggish; not on time; late; Ex. tardy arrival

□ **titanic** :

gigantic; N. titan

♠ **tithe** :

tax of one-tenth (contributed to a church); V: pay a tithe

♠ **titillate** :

tickle; excite pleasantly; Ex. not to titillate the audience but to enlighten it

♥ **tickle** :

touch (the body) lightly so as to cause laughter; please

□ **title** :

name (of a book, film, etc.); mark of rank; formal appellation as of rank or office (such as Lord or General); right or claim to possession; championship; Ex. title as head of the family; Ex. title to the estate

♠ **titter** :

nervous giggle; nervous laugh; V.

♠ **titular** :

of a title; in name only; nominal; having the title of an office without the obligations; Ex. titular head of the company

♠ **toady** :

servile flatterer; yes man; sycophant; V: be a toady to; fawn

♠ **toga** :

Roman outer robe

□ **tome** :

large volume; book

♥ **handsome** :

large in quantity; generous; Ex. handsome reward

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♠ **tonsure** :

shaving of the head especially by person entering religious orders; V.

♠ **topography** :

physical features of a region (such as the shape and height); CF. topo-: place

♥ **torpedo** :

underwater explosive apparatus; V.

□ **torpor** :

lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy; ADJ. torpid: lethargic; lazy; inactive; (of an animal) dormant; hibernating

♠ **torque** :

twisting force; force producing rotation

♠ **torrent** :

rushing stream; flood; Ex. The rain fell in torrents.

♠ **torrid** :

(of weather) hot or scorching; passionate; Ex. torrid love affairs

♠ **torso** :

trunk of statue with head and limbs missing; human trunk

♥ **trunk** :

main wooden stem of a tree; human body excluding the head and limbs; torso; prehensile nose of an elephant

♠ **tortuous** :

winding; full of curves; Ex. tortuous mountain road

♠ **totter** :

shake or move unsteadily; sway as if about to fall

□ **touchstone** :

stone used to test the fineness of gold alloys; criterion; standard

♠ **touchy** :

oversensitive; easily offended; irascible; delicate; needing delicate handling; Ex. touchy situation

♠ **tout** :

promote or publicize (one's goods or service); praise excessively (as a form of advertisement); CF. advertise

□ **toxic** :

poisonous; N. toxicity

♠ **tract** :

propaganda pamphlet (esp. by a religious or political group); expanse of land; region of indefinite size; system of related organs; Ex. digestive tract

□ **tractable** :

docile; easily managed; (of something) easily changed or molded; N. tractability

□ **traduce** :

expose to slander

□ **trajectory** :

path taken by a projectile; Ex. trajectory of a bullet

♥ **elevation** :

elevated position; altitude; height; flat upright side of a building; angle made by pointing a gun; Ex. The elevation of her style is much admired; Ex. front elevation of the house

□ **tranquillity** :

calmness; peace

□ **transcendent** :

exceeding ordinary limits; superior; surpassing; V. transcend: go beyond; exceed; surpass; N. transcendancy

♥ **transcendental** :

going beyond common thought or ideas; impossible to understand by practical experiences or practices; known only by studying thoughts or intuition; OP. empirical; CF. transcendentalism

□ **transcribe** :

copy; write a copy of; N. transcription

□ **transgression** :

violation of a law; sin; V. transgress: go beyond (a limit); violate; do wrong

□ **transient** :

staying for a short time; momentary; temporary; N: one that is transient

□ **transition** :

going from one state of action to another

□ **transitory** :

transient; impermanent; fleeting; N. transitoriness

□ **translucent** :

partly transparent

□ **transmute** :

transform; change; convert to something different

□ **transparent** :

permitting light to pass through freely; easily detected; obvious; clear; Ex. transparent lie

♠ **transpire** :

(of a fact) become known; be revealed; happen; give off (watery waste matter) through pores

♠ **transport** :

strong emotion; rapture; Ex. in a transport/transports of; V: move to strong emotion; enrapture

♠ **trappings** :

outward decorations; ornaments (as an outward sign of rank)

♠ **traumatic** :

(of an experience) deeply shocking; pertaining to an injury caused by violence; N. trauma: serious wound; emotional shock that causes lasting psychological damage

♠ **travail** :

strenuous work; toil; painful labor; labor of childbirth

□ **traverse** :

go through or across

♠ **travesty** :

copy or example of something that completely misrepresents the true nature of the real thing; comical parody or imitation; treatment aimed at making something appear ridiculous; Ex. travesty of justice; OP. paragon

□ **treatise** :

article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly

♠ **trek** :

travel; journey; V: make a long difficult journey

□ **tremor** :

trembling; slight quiver (as of the earth or from nervous agitation)

□ **tremulous** :

trembling; wavering

□ **trenchant** :

cutting; incisive; keen

♥ **furrow** :

long shallow trench made by a plow; deep wrinkle in the skin; V.

□ **trepidation** :

fear; nervous apprehension

♠ **tribulation** :

suffering; ordeal; distress; trial

♠ **tribunal** :

court of justice

♥ **tribune** :

official of ancient Rome elected by the plebians to protect their rights; protector of the people

tribute :

tax levied by a ruler; payment made by one nation to another in acknowledgment of submission; mark of respect (such as praise or gift); Ex. pay tribute to

♠ **trident** :

three-pronged spear

♥ **prong** :

pointed projecting part

trifling :

trivial; unimportant

♥ **trifle** :

something of little importance or value; small amount; Ex. a trifle; V: treat without seriousness; flirt

trigger :

set off; start

♠ **trilogy** :

group of three related works (connected by a shared subject but each complete in itself)

♠ **trinket** :

knickknack; bauble; cheap jewelry

trite :

hackneyed; commonplace

trivia :

trifles; unimportant matters

♠ **troth** :

pledge of good faith especially in betrothal; betrothal; Ex. by my troth

♠ **trough** :

long narrow container for feeding farm animals; lowest point (of a wave, business cycle, etc.); long narrow depression as between waves

♠ **truculence** :

aggressiveness; ferocity; ADJ. truculent: aggressive; pugnacious; fierce

♠ **truism** :

self-evident truth

truncate :

cut the top off; shorten

♠ **tryst** :

meeting arranged by lovers; arrangement between lovers to meet

♠ **tumid** :

(of a part of the body) swollen; distended; bombastic; pompous

♠ **overblown** :

inflated; exaggerated

♠ **tumult** :

commotion of a great crowd; riot; noise; uproar; ADJ. tumultuous: noisy and disorderly

tundra :

rolling treeless plain in Siberia and arctic North America

♥ **rolling** :

(of land) rising and falling in long gentle slopes; happening continuously by stages; Ex. rolling devolution of power to local governments

♠ **turbid** :

(of a liquid) having the sediment disturbed; muddy; thick

turbulence :

state of violent agitation; ADJ. turbulent: violently agitated or disturbed

♠ **tureen** :

deep dish for serving soup

♠ **turgid** :

swollen; distended (as from liquid)

♠ **turmoil** :

extreme confusion; great commotion and confusion; Ex. throw the country into turmoil

♠ **turncoat** :

traitor

♠ **turpitude** :

depravity; baseness; Ex. moral turpitude

♠ **tutelage** :

guardianship; training; function of a tutor; instruction

♠ **tutelary** :

protective; pertaining to a guardianship; Ex. tutelary deities

♠ **tycoon** :

wealthy and powerful businessperson; wealthy leader; magnate; Ex. business tycoon

☐ **typhoon** :

tropical hurricane or cyclone

☐ **tyranny** :

oppression; cruel government; ADJ. tyrannical: of a tyrant or tyranny; despotic; V. tyrannize: treat tyrannically;
oppress

☐ **tyro** :

beginner; novice

☐ **ubiquitous** :

being everywhere; omnipresent; N. ubiquity

♡ **wade** :

walk through a substance, such as water, that impedes movement

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♠ **ulterior** :

intentionally hidden; beyond what is evident; situated beyond; unstated and often questionable; Ex. ulterior
motive

☐ **ultimate** :

final; not susceptible to further analysis; fundamental; Ex. The sun is the ultimate source of energy.

♡ **eventual** :

happening at last as a result; Ex. eventual victory

♠ **ultimatum** :

last demand; last warning; last statement of conditions that must be met; Ex. They have ignored our ultimatum.

♠ **umbrage** :

resentment; anger; sense of injury or insult; Ex. take umbrage at his rudeness

☐ **unaccountable** :

unexplicable; impossible to account for; unreasonable or mysterious

☐ **unanimity** :

complete agreement; ADJ. unanimous

☐ **unassailable** :

not open to attack; impregnable; not subject to question

☐ **unassuaged** :

unsatisfied; not soothed

♠ **unassuming** :

modest; Ex. the champion's unassuming manner

♠ **unbridled** :

violent; uncontrolled; Ex. unbridled rage/greed

♡ **bridle** :

harness fitted about a horse's head (used to restrain); curb; check; V. put a bridle on; control or restrain; show
anger

♠ **uncanny** :

strange; mysterious; Ex. uncanny knack

♡ **knack** :

special talent; art

♠ **unconscionable** :

unscrupulous; not guided by conscience; excessive; beyond reason; Ex. unconscionable demand

♠ **uncouth** :

boorish; clumsy in speech or behavior; outlandish

♠ **unction** :

the act of anointing with oil; Ex. extreme unction

♠ **unctuous** :

oily; bland; insincerely suave

□ **underlying** :

lying below; fundamental

□ **undermine** :

weaken gradually; sap; dig a mine beneath

□ **underscore** :

underline; emphasize

□ **undulating** :

moving with a wavelike motion; V. undulate; CF. und: wave

♠ **unearth** :

dig up; discover (facts) by careful searching; Ex. He unearthed some secrets about her; OP. conceal

♠ **unearthly** :

not earthly; supernatural; weird; ghostly

♡ **weird** :

eerie; strange; unnatural

□ **unequivocal** :

plain; clear; obvious

□ **unerringly** :

infallibly; ADJ. unerring; making no mistakes

♠ **unexceptionable** :

entirely acceptable; not offering any basis for criticism

□ **unfaltering** :

steadfast; firm; not changing

□ **unfeigned** :

genuine; real

□ **unfetter** :

liberate; free from chains; V. unfetter

♡ **hostage** :

person who is kept as a prisoner by an enemy so that the other side will do what the enemy demands

♠ **unfledged** :

immature; not having the feathers necessary to fly; CF. fledgling

□ **unfrock** :

defrock; strip a priest or minister of church authority

♡ **disbar** :

make (a lawyer) leave the bar or the legal profession

♡ **debar** :

bar; forbid; exclude; Ex. debarred from jury services

♡ **bar** :

railing in a courtroom; legal profession; vertical line dividing a staff into equal measures; Ex. prisoner at the bar;

V. shut in or out with bars; forbid; exclude; CF. barrister

♡ **bastard** :

illegitimate child

♠ **ungainly** :

(of someone) awkward in movement; clumsy; (of something) unwieldy; Ex. ungainly dancer/instrument

♠ **unguent** :

ointment

□ **uniformity** :

sameness; monotony; ADJ. uniform: the same all over

♠ **unilateral** :

one-sided; involving or affecting only one side; Ex. unilateral declaration

♠ **unimpeachable** :

that cannot be impeached; beyond doubt or question; blameless and exemplary

□ **uninhibited** :

unrepressed; free in behavior and feelings

□ **unintimating** :

unfrightening

□ **unique** :

without an equal; single in kind

♠ **unison** :

unity of pitch (in musical performance); complete accord; Ex. The choir sang in unison.

♥ **choir** :

group of people who sing together (esp. during religious services); place for choir

□ **universal** :

characterizing or affecting all; general; present everywhere; of the universe; cosmic; Ex. universal agreement;

Ex. a subject of universal interest

♠ **unkempt** :

disheveled; uncared for in appearance; not combed; CF. comb

♠ **unmitigated** :

(of something bad) not moderated; unrelieved or immoderate; without qualification; absolute; Ex. unmitigated

disaster

♠ **unobtrusive** :

inconspicuous; not blatant

□ **unprecedented** :

having no previous example; novel; unparalleled

♠ **unprepossessing** :

unattractive

♥ **prepossessing** :

attractive; CF. preoccupying ?

□ **unravel** :

disentangle; solve

□ **unrequited** :

not requited; not reciprocated; Ex. unrequited love

□ **unruly** :

disobedient; lawless; difficult to control

□ **unsavory** :

distasteful; disagreeable; morally offensive; Ex. unsavory activity/reputation

♠ **unscathed** :

unharmed; Ex. escape the accident unscathed

♠ **unseemly** :

unbecoming; not proper in behavior; indecent; Ex. leave with unseemly haste

♠ **unsightly** :

ugly; unpleasant to look at

♠ **unsullied** :

untarnished; CF. sully

♠ **untenable** :

(of a position, esp. in an argument) indefensible; not able to be maintained

♠ **untoward** :

unexpected and adverse; unfortunate or unlucky; Ex. untoward encounter

□ **unwarranted** :

unjustified; having no justification; groundless; baseless; undeserved

□ **unwieldy** :

awkward (to carry or move); cumbersome; unmanageable

♠ **unwitting** :

not knowing; unaware; unintentional; Ex. She was their unwitting accomplice; Ex. unwitting insult; CF. wit: know

♠ **unwonted** :

unaccustomed; unusual; Ex. He arrived with unwonted punctuality.

♠ **upbraid** :

reprimand; severely scold

♡ **braid** :

plait; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; N: braided segment (as of hair)

♠ **uproarious** :

marked by commotion or uproar; very noisy (esp. with laughter); hilarious; causing loud laughter; extremely funny

♡ **uproar** :

noisy confusion

♠ **upshot** :

outcome; final result

♠ **urbane** :

suave; refined in manner; elegant

♠ **urchin** :

mischievous child (usually a boy); CF. urchin: hedgehog; CF. porcupine: pig with spikes ?; CF. sea urchin

□ **ursine** :

bearlike; pertaining to a bear

♠ **usurp** :

seize another's power or rank (without legal authority); supplant; appropriate; N. usurpation; CF. take for one's own use

♠ **usury** :

lending money at illegal high rates of interest

□ **utopia** :

ideal place, state, or society; ADJ. utopian

♡ **Shangri-la** :

imaginary remote paradise on earth; CF. Lost Horizon

♠ **uxorious** :

excessively submissive or devoted to one's wife; CF. uxor: wife

♠ **vacillate** :

waver (in opinion); fluctuate; sway to and fro; N. vacillation

♠ **vacuous** :

empty; lacking in ideas; inane; stupid; Ex. vacuous expression; N. vacuity

□ **vagabond** :

wanderer (without a permanent home); tramp

♡ **tramp** :

walk with a heavy step; travel on foot; N: vagrant; one who travels aimlessly about; long walk; sound of heavy walking

♡ **trample** :

step heavily with the feet; crush under the feet

♡ **tread** :

walk; trample; N: grooved face of a tire; horizontal part of a step

♠ **vagary** :

capricious happening; caprice; whim; CF. wander

□ **vagrant** :

wandering from place to place; roving; stray; moving in a random fashion; Ex. vagrant thoughts; N. vagrancy

□ **vagrant** :

homeless wanderer

♠ **vainglorious** :

boastful; excessively conceited; N. vainglory: great vanity

valedictory :

pertaining to farewell; N: farewell address (esp. at graduation exercises)

♡ **valediction** :

saying farewell; expression of leave-taking

♡ **leave-taking** :

farewell or departure

valid :

logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable; effective; Ex. valid reasoning/passport

♡ **sound** :

in good condition; showing good judgment or good sense; thorough; complete; Ex. sound mind/investment/training

validate :

make valid; confirm; ratify

valor :

bravery; ADJ. valiant: possessing valor; brave

vampire :

ghostly being that sucks the blood of the living

♠ **vanguard** :

forerunners; foremost position of an army; advance forces; foremost position in a trend or movement; CF. rear-guard

♡ **avantgarde** :

group of artists whose work is based on the newest ideas and methods; CF. vanguard

vantage :

position giving an advantage (such as a strategic point); CF. vantagepoint

♠ **vapid** :

lacking liveliness; dull and unimaginative; insipid and flavorless; Ex. vapid lecture

vaporize :

turn into vapor (steam, gas, fog, etc.)

♠ **variegated** :

(esp. of a flower or leaf) many-colored

♡ **variegate** :

change the appearance of (by marking with different colors)

♠ **vassal** :

in feudalism, one who held land of a superior lord; subordinate or dependent

♠ **vaunted** :

boasted; bragged; highly publicized; V. vaunt: boast; brag

♠ **veer** :

change in direction; swerve

♠ **vegetate** :

live in a monotonous way (without interests or activity); CF. vegetation: plants of an area; CF. vegetarian; CF. vegan

vehement :

forceful; intensely emotional; with marked vigor; strong; N. vehemence

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velocity :

speed

♠ **venal** :

capable of being bribed; corrupt; CF. venal

♠ **vendetta** :

blood feud (esp. between two families); CF. Nina Williams

vendor :

seller

♠ **veneer** :

thin surface layer (of good quality wood, glued to a base of inferior material); cover; surface show; façade; V.

♠ **venerable** :

(of a person) bold; adventurous; daring; (of an action) risky

♠ **venue** :

deserving high respect; commanding respect; CF. command: deserve and get

location; place (of a crime, trial, gathering, etc.); CF. come

♠ **veracious** :

♠ **venerate** :

revere; treat with great respect

(of a person) truthful

♠ **veracity** :

♠ **venial** :

(of a fault or sin) forgivable; trivial

truthfulness; adherence to the truth

verbalize :

♠ **venison** :

meat of a deer; CF. cow: beef; CF. pig: pork, ham, bacon; CF. calf: veal; CF. sheep: mutton; CF. lamb: lamb

put into words; ADJ. verbal: of words; spoken rather than written; oral; of a verb

verbatim :

♠ **venom** :

poison (of an animal); hatred; Ex. remarks full of venom; ADJ. venomous

word for word; in the same words; repeating the actual words exactly

verbiage :

♠ **vent** :

small opening; outlet (as of fumes or a gas); Ex. He gave vent to his anger by kicking the chair.

pompous array of words; too many unnecessary words; wordiness

verbose :

♠ **vent** :

release or discharge through a vent; express (esp. unfairly); utter; Ex. He vented his wrath on his family.

wordy; N. verbosity

♠ **verdant** :

♥ **ventilate** :

admit fresh air into to replace stale air

green; covered with green plants or grass; lush in vegetation; Ex. verdant meadows

♥ **lush** :

♠ **ventral** :

abdominal

(of a plant or grass) growing very well

♠ **verdigris** :

ventriloquist :

someone who can make his or her voice seem to come from another person or thing (without moving lips or jaws); N. ventriloquism, ventriloquy

green coating or patina on copper which has been exposed to the weather

verge :

venture :

risk; expose to risk; dare; undertake a risk; N.

border; edge, rim, or margin; Ex. on the verge of: very near to; V: border on

♠ **verisimilar** :

♥ **brave** :

face courageously; Ex. brave the storm

having the appearance of truth or reality; probable or likely to be true; plausible

♠ **verisimilitude** :

venturesome :

appearance of truth; quality of appearing to be true or real; likelihood; Ex. verisimilitude of her performance as Lady Macbeth

♠ **veritable** :

being truly so; real or genuine; actual; not false or imaginary

verity :

quality of being true; lasting truth or principle; Ex. the verity of his testimony; Ex. one of the eternal verities

♠ **vernacular** :

living language (as compared to the official language); language spoken in a country or region; natural style; Ex. lapse into the vernacular

♠ **vernal** :

pertaining to spring

versatile :

having many talents; capable of working in many fields; having many uses or functions; N. versatility

vertex :

summit; highest point; PL. vertices

vertigo :

severe dizziness; giddiness

♠ **verve** :

enthusiasm (as in artistic performance or composition); liveliness; vigor

vestige :

trace; remains; Ex. vestiges of some ancient religion

♥ **veto** :

vested power to reject a bill; exercise of this right; V. prevent or forbid by exercising the power of veto

vex :

annoy; distress

viable :

capable of maintaining life; feasible; practical or workable; Ex. viable scheme

♠ **viand** :

food; CF. live

♠ **vicarious** :

experienced as if one were taking part in the experience of another; done by a deputy for other people; acting as a substitute; Ex. vicarious thrill at the movies; Ex. the vicarious sufferings of Christ

♥ **vicar** :

parish priest; representative

♠ **vicissitude** :

change (esp. from good to bad); change of fortune; CF. the last emperor of China

♠ **victuals** :

food; provisions; V. victual: provide with food

vie :

contend; compete

vigilant :

watchful; on the alert; watchfully awake; alert to spot danger; N. vigilance

♥ **vigil** :

keeping watch (during normal sleeping hours); Ex. all-night vigil

♥ **vigilante** :

one who without authority assumes law enforcement powers

vigor :

active strength; energy; enthusiasm; ADJ. vigorous

♠ **vignette** :

small drawing placed at the beginning or end of a chapter; picture; short literary sketch; short written description of a character or scene

♠ **vilify** :

slander; speak evil of; N. vilification

♠ **vindicate** :

clear from blame; free from blame or accusation (with supporting proof); exonerate; substantiate; justify or support; avenge; Ex. vindicate one's client; Ex. vindicate one's claim; CF. vindicator

♠ **vindictive** :

disposed to revenge; vengeful; out for revenge; spiteful; intended to cause harm; malicious; Ex. vindictive streak

♠ **vintner** :

wine merchant; winemaker; seller of wine

☐ **viper** :

poisonous snake

☐ **virile** :

manly; having masculine spirit or strength; full of strength

☐ **virtual** :

in essence; existing in essence though not in actual form; for practical purposes; Ex. virtual ruler/space

☐ **virtue** :

goodness; moral excellence; good quality; advantage; Ex. by virtue of; Ex. make a virtue of necessity

♠ **virtuoso** :

highly skilled artist (esp. in music); Ex. piano virtuoso

♠ **virulent** :

(of a disease or poison) extremely harmful or poisonous; (of a feeling) hostile; bitter; N. virulence; CF. virus; CF. venom

☐ **virus** :

disease communicator

♠ **visage** :

face; appearance

♠ **visceral** :

felt in one's inner organs; N. viscera: internal body organs; CF. eviscerate

♠ **viscid** :

adhesive; gluey

☐ **viscous** :

(of a liquid) thick and sticky; gluey; viscid; CF. consistency

♠ **vice** :

vice; tool for holding work in place; clamping device

♠ **visionary** :

produced by imagination; fanciful; mystical; showing foresight; N: one having foresight; one given to speculative impractical ideas

♡ **vision** :

eyesight; foresight; mental image produced by the imagination; experience of seeing the supernatural

☐ **vital** :

full of life; animated; vibrant and lively; critical; of great importance; necessary to stay alive; of life; living; breathing; N. vitality; V. vitalize

♡ **vibrant** :

full of vigor or energy; vibrating

♠ **vitiate** :

spoil the effect of; make inoperative; corrupt morally

♠ **vitreous** :

of glass; pertaining to or resembling glass; V. vitrify: change into glass; CF. petrify

♠ **vitriolic** :

causing sharp pain to the mind; caustic; corrosive; sarcastic; of vitriol; N. vitriol: sulphuric acid (which burns flesh deeply); bitterly abusive expression; caustic expression; CF. glass

♠ **vituperative** :

abusive; scolding; V. vituperate: berate; scold; rail against abusively

♠ **vivacious** :

lively or animated; sprightly

♡ **sprightly** :

lively

☐ **vivisection** :

act of dissecting living animals

♠ **vixen** :

female fox; ill-tempered woman; CF. shrew

□ **vociferous** :

clamorous; noisy; V. vociferate: cry out loudly (when complaining)

♠ **vogue** :

popular fashion; Ex. Jeans became the vogue.

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♠ **volatile** :

changeable; of a quickly changing nature (as of temper); mercurial; tending to violence; evaporating rapidly; Ex. volatile character/situation in the street

□ **volition** :

act of using one's will; act of making a conscious choice; Ex. She selected this dress of her own volition.

□ **voluble** :

fluent; talkative; glib; N. volubility

♥ **volley** :

simultaneous discharge of a number of shots; V.

□ **voluminous** :

having great volume (as of a garment or container); bulky; large

♥ **bulk** :

size or volume (esp. when very large); main part; Ex. The bulk of the work has already been done; ADJ. bulky: having great size

♥ **voodoo** :

religion practiced chiefly in Haiti

□ **voracious** :

ravenous; eating large quantities of food; exceedingly eager; insatiable; Ex. voracious animal/reader

□ **vortex** :

whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence; predicament into which one is inexorably plunged

♠ **vouchsafe** :

grant condescendingly; guarantee; Ex. vouchsafe your fair return on your investment

♥ **vouch** :

give a personal guarantee; Ex. I can vouch for his integrity; N. voucher

♠ **voyeur** :

Peeping Tom; person who derives sexual gratification from observing the sexual acts of others

□ **vulnerable** :

susceptible to wounds or attack; N. vulnerability

♠ **vulpine** :

like a fox; crafty

♥ **craft** :

skill (esp. with one's hands); skill in deceiving people; guile; ADJ. crafty: cleverly deceitful; cunning

♥ **vulture** :

carrion-eating birds

♥ **vying** :

contending; CF. vie

♠ **waffle** :

speak equivocally about an issue; N.

♠ **waft** :

move gently (in air or in seas) by wind or waves; Ex. leaves wafting past the window

♠ **waggish** :

humorous; mischievous; tricky

♥ **wag** :

shake repeatedly from side to side; Ex. The dog wagged its tail; N: humorous person; wit

♠ **waif** :

homeless child or animal; Ex. waifs and strays

□ **waive** :

give up temporarily; yield; N. waiver: waiving a right or claim; document that waives a right or claim

♠ **wake** :

trail of ship or other object through water; path of something that has gone before; Ex. hunger followed in the wake of the war

♠ **wallow** :

roll in mud; indulge in; (of a ship) roll in a rough sea; become helpless; Ex. wallow in the mud/luxury

♠ **wan** :

having a pale or sickly color; pallid

♠ **wanderlust** :

strong longing to travel

♠ **wane** :

decrease in size or strength (after being full); grow gradually to an end; Ex. The moon waxes and wanes every month; N.

♠ **wangle** :

achieve by cleverness or trick; wiggle out; fake; Ex. She tried to wangle an invitation to the party.

♡ **wiggle** :

wriggle; move from side to side with irregular twisting motions

♡ **fake** :

not genuine; N: one that is not genuine; impostor; sham; V: counterfeit; Ex. fake the results of the experiment/the signature

♠ **wanton** :

unrestrained; gratuitously cruel; willfully malicious; unchaste; sexually improper; promiscuous; Ex. wanton spending/killing; CF. having no just cause

♠ **warble** :

(of a bird) sing; babble; N.

♡ **warp** :

twist out of shape; N.

□ **warranted** :

justified; authorized

♡ **warrant** :

justification; written order that serves as authorization (esp. a judicial writ); Ex. search/death warrant; V: justify; guarantee

□ **warranty** :

guarantee; assurance by seller

♠ **warren** :

tunnels in which rabbits live; overcrowded living area; crowded conditions in which people live

□ **wary** :

very cautious; watchful

♠ **wastrel** :

waster; profligate

♠ **wax** :

increase gradually (as the moon); grow

♠ **waylay** :

ambush; lie in wait for and attack

♡ **ambush** :

act of lying in wait to attack by surprise; sudden attack made from a concealed position; Ex. lie in ambush; V.

♠ **wean** :

accustom a baby not to nurse; accustom (the young of a mammal) to take nourishment other than by suckling; give up a cherished activity; cause to gradually leave (an interest or habit); Ex. wean oneself from cigarettes

♠ **weather** :

pass safely through (a storm or difficult period); endure the effects of weather or other forces

♠ **welt** :

raised mark from a beating or whipping

♠ **welter** :

confusion; turmoil; confused mass; bewildering jumble; Ex. welter of data

♠ **welter** :

wallow (as in mud or high seas); lie soaked (as in blood); Ex. The victims weltered in their blood.

♠ **wheedle** :

deceive, persuade, or obtain by flattery; cajole; coax; Ex. wheedle a promise out of her

♠ **whelp** :

young animal (esp. of the dog or cat family); young wolf, dog, tiger, etc.

♠ **whet** :

sharpen; stimulate; Ex. whet someone's appetite

♠ **whiff** :

puff or gust (of air, scent, etc.); short-lasting smell; hint; Ex. whiff of perfume/scandal

♠ **whimsical** :

capricious; fanciful; amusingly strange

♡ **whim** :

sudden capricious idea; fancy

♡ **whimsy** :

whim; tendency to behave amusingly strangely; Ex. story full of whimsy

♠ **whinny** :

neigh like a horse; CF. neigh: make the sound which horses make

♠ **whit** :

small amount; smallest speck; Ex. not a whit of

♠ **whittle** :

pare; cut away thin bits (from wood); fashion in this way; reduce gradually; trim

♡ **pare** :

cut away the outer covering or skin of (with a knife); trim; Ex. pare apples/expenses

♠ **whorl** :

ring of leaves around stem; ring; circular arrangement; Ex. whorls on the fingers

□ **willful** :

wilful; intentional; headstrong

♡ **wilt** :

lose freshness; droop

□ **wily** :

crafty; cunning; artful; N. wile: deceitful stratagem

♠ **wince** :

move back suddenly; shrink back; flinch; Ex. She winced as she touched the cold body.

♡ **start** :

move suddenly or involuntarily; Ex. start at the sight of a snake

♠ **windfall** :

fallen fruit; unexpected lucky event

♠ **winnow** :

sift; separate the chaff from grain by blowing; separate good parts from bad; CF. wind

♡ **sift** :

put through a sieve to separate fine from coarse particles; sort or examine carefully

♠ **winsome** :

charming (in a childlike way); agreeable; gracious; engaging

♠ **wispy** :

thin; slight; barely discernible

♡ **wisp** :

small bunch (of hair); faint streak (of smoke)

♠ **wistful** :

sadly thoughtful (because of desires or memories); sadly pensive; vaguely longing

♠ **withdrawn** :

introverted; retiring; remote

♥ **remote** :

distant in manner; aloof

♠ **wither** :

(of a plant) dry up from loss of moisture; lose freshness; shrivel; decay

♥ **shrivel** :

make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)

♠ **withhold** :

refuse to give; hold back; Ex. withholding tax

□ **withstand** :

stand up against; resist successfully

□ **witless** :

lacking intelligence or wit; foolish; idiotic

♠ **witticism** :

witty saying; wisecrack (clever joking remark)

□ **wizardry** :

sorcery; magic

♠ **wizened** :

shriveled; withered; Ex. wizened apple/old lady

□ **woe** :

great sorrow; deep inconsolable grief; affliction; suffering; Ex. financial woes

♥ **woeful** :

sad; (of something bad) deplorable; deplorably bad; Ex. woeful housing conditions

♠ **wont** :

(the stated person's) habit or custom; habitual procedure; ADJ. wonted: customary

□ **worldly** :

engrossed in matters of this earth; not spiritual; of the material world

♠ **wrangle** :

quarrel noisily; obtain through arguing; herd cattle; N.

♥ **herd** :

group of animals; crowd; one who looks after a herd; Ex. shepherd/goatherd; Ex. herd instinct; Ex. herdsman;

V: come together in a herd; look after a herd; Ex. herd cattle

□ **wrath** :

anger; fury

♠ **wreak** :

inflict; Ex. wreak one's vengeance on

□ **wrench** :

twist; pull; strain; Ex. He wrenched the gun out of her hands.

♠ **wrest** :

obtain by pulling violently; pull away; take by violence; Ex. wrest victory from their grasp

♠ **writ** :

written command issued by a court (telling someone to do or not to do something)

♠ **writhe** :

twist in coils; contort in pain

♠ **wry** :

(esp. of an expression of the face) twisted; with a humorous twist (expressing displeasure)

□ **xenophobia** :

fear or hatred of foreigners; N. xenophobe

♠ **yen** :

strong desire; longing; urge; Ex. yen for travel

♠ **yeoman** :

man or farmer owning small estate; middle-class farmer

□ **yield** :

amount produced; crop; income on investment; profit obtained from an investment; V: produce; give in; surrender

♠ **yoke** :

join together; unite; N: crossbar used to joining two draft animals

♠ **yokel** :

rustic; country bumpkin; 촌놈

♠ **yore** :

time long past; Ex. in the days of yore

♠ **zany** :

comic; crazy; N: clown; comical person (given to outlandish behavior)

□ **zeal** :

eager enthusiasm (to a cause or ideal); ADJ. zealous

□ **zealot** :

one who is zealous; fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal

□ **zenith** :

point directly overhead in the sky; summit; acme; highest point

♠ **zephyr** :

gentle breeze; west wind